

Trading boom hints at cuts in income tax

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

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Macabre search in the snow



Return to the moor: The hunched figure, fourth from the left, flanked by detectives is believed to be Myra Hindley (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Hindley is flown back to the moor

By Ian Smith

Myra Hindley returned to the scene of her crimes for seven hours yesterday to guide police to the locations of more victims' graves before being returned to her prison cell.

After spending a day on bleak Saddleworth Moor with Hindley, Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, who is leading the search, declared himself "not unhappy" about valuable information supplied about the search operation.

A massive security operation involving armed policemen was mounted and the area sealed off around Saddleworth Moor for 10 hours as Hindley walked the moors which she and former lover Ian Brady turned into an horrific killing ground.

Police were hopeful she would lead them to where Keith Bennett, aged 12, and

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Pauline Reade, aged 16, have remained undiscovered for the past 22 years.

More than 200 officers, including members of the police tactical aid group armed with rifles, sealed off the A653 road through the moor.

Hindley left Cookham Wood Prison in Rochester, Kent, at 5.52am, sandwiched between two police officers and a black scarf covering most of her face.

Dressed in weatherproof overalls Hindley was hustled into a police car and driven to police mobile headquarters set up two miles further down the road to meet Det Chief Supt Topping.

After spending over an hour in the police patrol transporter studying maps and pictures of the area Hindley was driven back to where the new search has been centred.

While Hindley walked the moor, head bowed against driving rain and heavy winds, she was watched by police marksmen spread out at special vantage points around the search area.

Only after Home Office officials were convinced security arrangements were adequate

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embarrassment on the Government benches, came to light within the department in October.

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Navy could lose £500m on frigate computer

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

As a Cabinet committee prepares today to write off nearly £1 billion in taxpayers' money with the cancellation of the Nimrod project, the Ministry of Defence faces the possibility of losing another £500 million over a computer project for the Royal Navy.

GEC, the company involved in the Nimrod dispute, is one of 19 firms which is to bid for a multi-million pound contract for the command and control computer system for the Royal Navy's new Type 23 frigates, awarded to Ferranti Computer Systems more than a year ago.

The ministry has set aside the deal with Ferranti, of Bracknell, Berkshire, which employs 2,000 people, and has asked them and other companies to reopen the bidding.

The production contract for five CACS4 computer systems, announced in September last year, was worth £17 million. Although the ministry decision was an unexpected blow for Ferranti,

hushed when Mr Prior rose to make his final plea on the company's behalf.

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Two US officials resign

From Michael Binyon

Senator Daniel Inouye, a Democrat from Hawaii, was yesterday named to head the special committee that will investigate the Iran affair.

They said that one of the reasons for the change of heart was that there had been delays in ordering and building the Type 23 frigates.

Ferranti said that its CACS1 computer, fitted to HMS Boxer, HMS Brave and HMS Beaver, the Type 22 frigates, was working well.

The 19 companies involved in the new tendering, which include the Marconi Company, part of GEC, Plessey and Thorn EMI, were summoned to the Ministry of Defence for a Royal Navy presentation on November 28.

Ferranti fears that one of its biggest rivals will be the British consortium, Racal Gresham, which succeeded in winning the contract for the command systems for the Upholder class of diesel-powered submarine.

In announcing its contract with the Royal Navy last year, Ferranti said that its computer system was "extremely powerful and adaptable" and would be able to "accommodate future requirements".

The ministry spokesman said no decision had been taken on the future of the Ferranti CACS equipment.

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This, he said, was "very damaging" for the company.

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Printers to lose 'hundreds' of jobs

By Jonathan Miller

The Daily Telegraph company announced last night that it was seeking hundreds of additional redundancies when it moves editorial and business operations to the Isle of Dogs, east London, next year.

Redundancy terms offered to staff would be withdrawn unless the company received full co-operation and continuity of production, said Mr Andrew Knight, chief executive of the group, which publishes The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph.

Mr Knight refused to say how many staff would be made redundant, but acknowledged that the number was substantial.

Compositors, who are members of the National Graphical Association, are expected to be hard hit. Few of The Telegraph's 400 NGA compositors are expected to be retained after the newspaper moves to the new editorial and business headquarters.

Mr Knight said redundancy payments would be equal to four weeks of pay for every year of service.

If the unions did not co-operate or if their members disrupted production, the newspaper would be unable to offer payments above the

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Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr T. Phillips of Streatham, London. Details, page 3.

Portfolio list, page 29; how to play, information service, page 22.

Tory selected

Mr Paul Leighton, aged 35, a newsreader on BBC 2, has been adopted as Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Derby South.

Britain pulls off an EEC quotas coup

From Richard Owen, Brussels

With only two weeks to run of the British presidency of the EEC, Britain yesterday confounded gloomy predictions and pulled off a coup by achieving what a delighted Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, called "the most important measure of reform ever achieved in the Common Agricultural Policy".

Sir Geoffrey praised Mr Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, who after seven days of almost continuous talks secured agreement on cuts in both dairy and beef output, including a total 9½ per cent cut in dairy output over two years.

This will take a million tonnes of milk out of production in the EEC and lead to the slaughter of 2 million cattle as a start is finally made in slashing the food mountains.

EEC officials said the CAP reform package was hedged about with conditions and qualifications, and there were many pitfalls ahead.

But they acknowledged that the cuts, which have until now repeatedly eluded farm ministers, were a major achievement. They include a 6 per cent cut in dairy quotas over two years.

Mr John Selwyn Gummer, the junior Agriculture Minister, speaking for Britain, said the measures were a major breakthrough which at last gave the EEC a basis for reducing the food mountains.

Mr Jopling described the meeting as an historic and epic one which had taken radical steps of the kind which had been needed for a long time.

EEC foreign ministers, who like the farm ministers have been holding their final session under the British presidency, urged the US to extend by one month its end-of-year deadline for realisation against Europe in the looming farm trade war over an alleged drop in American food exports to the enlarged EEC.

The key to yesterday's agreement on both milk and

beef lay in compensation and pension arrangements for farmers whose output will fall or who may even go out of business. The dairy package retains the existing 2½ per cent cut in quotas agreed in April and adds a 4 per cent quota suspension to take effect from April next year, with an additional 1 per cent coming from a tightening-up of the EEC super levy on surplus output. A further 2½ per cent cut will follow in 1988.

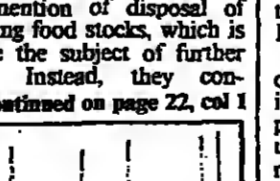
Intervention - that is, guaranteed purchase by the EEC - of skimmed milk is suspended

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for winter months, provided the commission takes "adequate measures to maintain market stability". But in a major qualification the ministers failed to adopt a commission proposal for suspension intervention for butter. The package will be reviewed if America, Australia and New Zealand fail to modify their own farm policies and put EEC exports at risk.

The farm ministers made no mention of disposal of existing food stocks, which is to be the subject of further talks. Instead, they con-

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Ministers' £65 billion rates blunder

By Philip Webster

The Government is to bring in emergency legislation to correct a £65 billion blunder which has meant that it has been operating the rate support grant system illegally for the past six years.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, was given a roasting by a gleeful opposition yesterday as he disclosed to the Commons that the way the Government has been calculating how much each local authority receives under the formula is unlawful.

A 17-clause Bill is to be introduced into the Commons today or tomorrow and rushed through to legalize retrospectively the settlements of the past six years and put the pending 1987-88 award on to a legal footing.

The Government's discomfort was compounded last night when it was disclosed by government officials that the error occurred because in 1980 when the legislation governing the present system was brought in the Government ignored the advice of legal advisers and accepted opinion offered on behalf of the local authority associations.

The blunder, which was causing deep and obvious embarrassment on the Government benches, came to light within the department in October. The advice of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, was sought and he quickly confirmed that the Government had been operating illegally.

Sir Michael was on the Government front bench as Mr Ridley faced charges of government incompetence, ineptitude and inefficiency. The mistake centres on the definition of "relevant and total expenditure" which has been used to decide levels of grant authorities receive.

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Libya out 'to make trouble' in Caribbean

The United States has intelligence information that Libya is actively intervening in the Caribbean and Surinam, Mr Elliott Abrams, the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, said at a briefing for foreign correspondents on Monday (Michael Binyon writes from Washington).

The Times reported yesterday that at least 100 Libyan troops were in Surinam.

Mr Abrams said the Libyan aim in Surinam was "to make trouble", and called this a "negative factor" in US-Surinam relations.

DON'T SHOOT THE PIANIST.

YAMAHA PIANOS. He's probably doing his best, of course, he just isn't playing a Yamaha upright piano.

Advertisement for Hearn's men to be absent, featuring a man in a suit and a woman in a dress.



# 'Irrational' fears on transplants pose a threat to patients

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The lives of many thousands of patients are being jeopardized by "irrational and unfounded" allegations about the conduct of transplant teams, the president of the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday.

There is no possibility of organs being taken from a patient who is still alive. This is an outmoded and idiosyncratic view held by a very small minority. We will not allow the use of organs, however urgent, to influence normal medical judgement of the condition of a living patient.

More than 1,000 cases in whom brain-death had been established had been followed up, showing that the heart stopped beating in all cases, in spite of continued measures to prolong life.

## Law chief attacks BBC reporting

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, yesterday accused the BBC of deliberately attacking the integrity of the criminal justice system.

criticized the BBC *Rough Justice* programme for "outrageous" investigation methods involving the case of Mr John Mycock, who was jailed for five years for robbery with violence.

## Now men are living longer, too

By Jill Sherman

Men are living longer and the life expectancy gap between the sexes is closing, according to the latest population projections from the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys (OPCS).

By 2025 men are likely to live until an average age of 75, three years more than the present average life expectancy.

## Prison for couple who scalded girl in bath

A mother who plunged her daughter aged two into a scalding bath because she messed her pants was jailed for six and a half years yesterday.

skill of those at the hospital your child would have died. By the time they finally took the youngster to hospital, doctors said she had only 10 or 15 minutes to live.

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## Police suspensions a 'waste' of money

The suspension of five senior police officers, on basic pay, after a verdict of "unlawful killing" by the jury at the inquest into the death of Mr John Mikkelsen, a Hell's Angel, was a complete waste of public money, their counsel told the High Court yesterday.

This year quashed and a new inquest ordered. The jury at West London coroner's court found that Mr Mikkelsen, aged 34, had been unlawfully killed and they attributed his death to "the degree of care after he was overpowered".

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Mr John Aspinall, owner of Howletts and Port Lympne zoos, Kent, with a bronze by William Tynym, the sculptor, of a male gorilla and his daughter. They are among items from Mr Aspinall's collection of wild life art being exhibited at the Guildhall Art Gallery, London, until Friday, in aid of Sumatran rhinoceros conservation (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Aids in Ireland Government defies church

By Richard Ford

The Irish government is to ignore criticisms from Roman Catholic clergy when it launches an anti-Aids campaign which will advise people to use condoms.

of the use of condoms has been attacked by Dr John Buckley, the auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop of Cork and Ross, who said the campaign disregarded the moral principles held by the Catholic and other churches.

department to follow through whatever they decide. But that does not mean that I could approve. Eight people have died from 13 reported cases of Aids in the Irish Republic since July 1984 and 500 people are carrying the virus.

## GP's note spoke of suicide

A letter from "beyond the grave" told the relatives of a family doctor of her plan to commit suicide, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The letter, written by Dr Ruby Baksh from her holiday home in Spain, did not arrive in India until after her death in January, 1983.

## Court frees jailed victim of rapist

A rape victim, who was jailed for six months in October for wounding her attacker, was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

At the end of May, Darby's former boyfriend, Alan Holt, aged 20, Robert Wilson, aged 24, and Dennis Fowkes, aged 24, attacked Rashid and Darby joined in. Their victim needed stitches but was not seriously hurt.

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## Portfolio Gold Winner to take long journey

A retired property manager is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

## Pathologist accused in death case

A pathologist was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court yesterday accused of inciting a person to obstruct a coroner by breaking the neck of a dead woman.

## Rape attack on schoolgirl

A hunt was launched in Bristol yesterday for a man who raped a teenage schoolgirl.

## Severn Bridge tolls to rise

The legal battle by county councils in South Wales to stop toll increases on the Severn Bridge, was lost in the House of Lords yesterday.

## Belts come off in crime fight

West Midlands police are to receive redesigned uniforms without belts or full epaulettes, which can be held on by attackers, because of increasing number of assaults on officers.

## Drug mother's custody plea

A woman heroin addict, aged 32, yesterday failed to regain custody of her daughter, aged 15, who had asked to be taken into care.

## Farm profit

A 47-acre farm bought for £300 in 1924, American Cottage Farm at Ruskington, Lincolnshire, was sold for £154,000.

## Wogan and Aspel top Radio 2 at Christmas

Terry Wogan is returning to Radio 2, for the first time since he began his television series, to host a two-hour show on Christmas Day.

## Prison party for children

Inmates of Nottingham Prison yesterday held a Christmas party for handicapped local schoolchildren, with one of the prisoners dressed up as Santa Claus.

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PARLIAMENT

Rate system being worked illegally, Ridley tells House

The way the Government has been operating the rate-support system in recent years has been found to be unlawful and an urgent Bill is to be introduced to rectify the position.

That admission from Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Environment, was greeted with cries of derision from Opposition MPs, who frequently interrupted his statement.

Mr Ridley said: Relevant and total expenditure are two key concepts which are basic to the local government finance system in England and Wales.

That approach was adopted in 1981 in response to the views of the local authority associations.

Transfers between funds and accounts within the rate fund are not permitted.

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Dr John Cunningham: Attack on 'Tory shambles'

It was only interest receipts on the rate fund revenue account which should be taken into account to adjust relevant expenditure to total expenditure.

Should not he, having a brain even finer than that of his four distinguished predecessors, carry the gratitude of the House and is not the case that when he presents the Bill to the House he will be restoring the law to that which Parliament intended.

Mr Ridley: Entertaining as his remarks are, I do not see the question for me.

Mr Lawson (Eastbourne, C): Is it really the case that until he made his statement today nobody from the Labour Party, nobody from the Conservative Party, nobody from the House of Lords and not even the glittering talents of Mr Beaumont-Dark had understood the position?



Mr Nicholas Ridley admitting to the Commons that it is a fair cop.

Defence needs are central

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister insisted in the Commons that the defence requirements must be paramount in the decision on whether to enter the GEC airborne early warning system or the Boeing Awacs system.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that the defence requirements must be paramount in this decision.

Mr Kinnock said the strong demand was that the cabinet should get an early warning system which had to be dependable and at a cost and in a time necessary for national priorities.

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Why are we just getting this [stubborn] refusal to have an independent inquiry into the issue?

Benefit must go to those who qualify

EMPLOYMENT

The Government was trying to ensure that unemployment benefit was always paid to those who qualified for it and was introducing measures such as the re-start scheme to steer people wanting jobs back into work.

Mr Evans: The main purpose of this cynical scheme is to reduce unemployment figures before the next election.

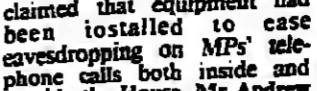
Mr Clarke: Labour Party policy appears to be to give benefit to anyone who wants it without asking questions.

Mr Kinnock: The Government had also taken positive action on crime prevention, much improved the efficiency and effectiveness of parts of the criminal justice system and was seeking to provide a more effective support system for the victims of crime.

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MP says phones may be tapped

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

A man privy to the modernization of the telephone network covering the Whitehall area had claimed that equipment had been installed to eavesdrop on MPs' telephone calls.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) agreed to study the letter which Mr Faulds said contained the allegation so that he could advise on the matter.

The key was equipment which gave access to all telephone calls, internal and external, to more than 70,000 telephone numbers.

Mr Faulds added: "He appears to have no doubt of the purpose of this operation, to ease the facility for eavesdropping on MPs' calls inside and outside the House."

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Minister became obsessed by battle

I do not go along with those who place all the blame for Westland on Mr Heseltine's shoulders.

Whether he was right or wrong, though, if it had not been for him Westland would not have blown up in the Government's face as it did.

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Clash looms over fixed recesses

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Common clash is looming between the Government and those MPs who like to ski or plan their families' summer holidays in advance.

On the MPs' behalf the procedure select committee opened an inquiry last night into whether there should be fixed dates for the start of the Christmas, Easter and summer recesses of the Commons.

Terrorist threat continues

There was a continuing terrorist threat, and a campaign by the IRA to disrupt the lives of all in Northern Ireland.

The Bill continues, with some amendments, the existing emergency provisions in the province and provides for them to be renewed every year rather than every six months as presently.

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Housing 'history of neglect'

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Nato would suffer under Labour

For Britain unilaterally to disengage itself from Nato in the core and damage Nato's flexible-response strategy as well as the rest of the alliance.

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Criminal claims

Doctor kept addicts off the streets

\$1m fraud

# New runway needed for European expansion

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Greater competition among Europe's airlines could lead to an urgent demand for another runway to be built at an airport to the south-east of England.

Sir Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports Authority said yesterday that a long-term study of future demand for runway capacity was now taking place and although Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted are able to cope with the demand at present, a decision will have to be taken within the next two or three years, on whether to build more capacity. "A further runway will depend on the success, or otherwise, of the campaign for liberalisation (of routes) within Europe which could hasten the demand for landing slots," he said.

Sir Norman was presenting BAA's half-yearly accounts which showed that concessions sold to shopkeepers, along with duty-free and tax-free sales, had kept profits near £100 million in spite of a drop in passengers at some airports last summer.

But the long-term problem of how to cope with the growing demand for air travel has yet to be resolved and is bound to lead to increasingly bitter debate.

Already the Air Transport Users Committee and various airlines are demanding a clear decision to provide another runway and environmental objections are raising strong objections.

The Civil Aviation Authority is studying the entire problem and is to produce a report next year in the long-term needs. It is almost certain to recommend that more capacity for aircraft to land and take off at airports in the South-east should be found.



Mrs Katrina Smith and her daughter, Barbara, with the medical team who saved the baby's life (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

## Baby doing well after rare operation in womb

A mother hugged her baby daughter yesterday and spoke of the rare operation that saved the child's life.

Barbara Smith, now 11 months old, would have died from acute anaemia had she not been given life-saving blood transfusions while still inside her mother's womb.

The highly delicate operation, which has a high rate of failure, was carried out by surgeons who transfused the

blood through the unborn baby's umbilical cord.

It was so successful that Barbara, although born prematurely and weighing only four pounds, will be able to lead a normal life.

Mrs Katrina Smith, aged 30, the girl's mother, said: "I had no hesitation in deciding to have the treatment, although I was worried at the outcome."

## Reducing nitrates in drinking water would cost £200m

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Compliance with the EEC directive on the nitrate content of drinking water supplies would cost at least £200 million, a report published yesterday by a Government working party states.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, told the Commons that the Government was considering the report and its recommendations.

About one million people, mainly in East Anglia, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, regularly receive water which exceeds the EEC limit of 50 milligrams a litre, and one small public supply exceeds 80 milligrams a litre.

But the report points out that nitrate concentrations in all public water supplies are at present within the limits considered acceptable by the Government's medical advisers.

There have been increases in nitrate concentrations in a number of water sources during the past two or three decades, and this trend is expected to continue, particularly in parts of eastern and central England.

In drier arable areas some groundwaters in unconfined aquifers already exceed 100 milligrams, and many more are predicted to do so.

"A policy of restricting nitrate concentrations to all public supplies to below 50 milligrams a litre would have major implications for the water industry."

"Water undertakers estimate that immediate capital expenditure of £50 million would be needed and, if long-term trends continued, a further £150 million within 20 years."

By the end of that period running costs would be about £10 million a year.

The report, by the Nitrate Co-ordination Group, established last year by the Department of the Environment with support from the Ministry of Agriculture, says there is little evidence that nitrate concentrations are causing ecological harm in rivers, estuaries or the sea.

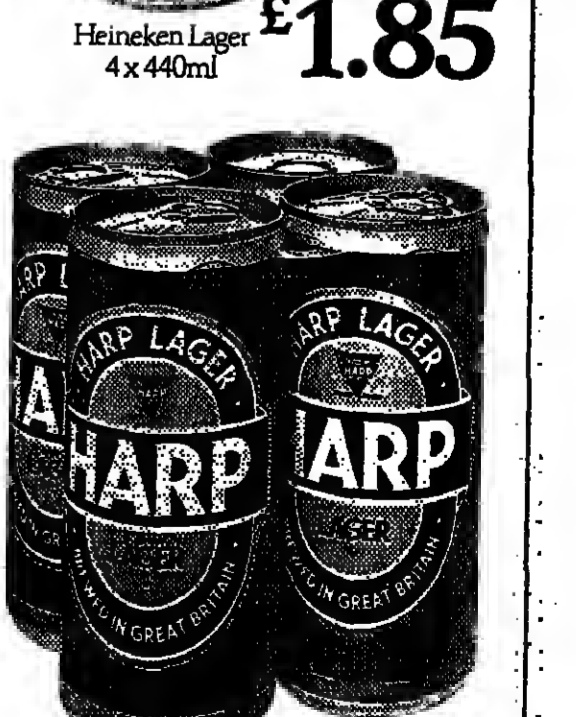
Among the measures which it says should be encouraged, in problem areas, which would have minimum effects on farm profitability, are a ban on the use of nitrogen fertilizer between mid-September and mid-February, the planting of autumn-sown in preference to spring-sown crops, and the planting of winter cereals as early as possible.

Nitrate in Water (The Nitrate Co-ordination Group, Potholun Paper No. 26, 1986, Stationery Office, £6.30).

# Sainsbury's announce pint-sized prices for Christmas.



Sainsbury's Lager 4 x 275ml	98p
Sainsbury's Lager 2 Ltr	£1.39
Carlsberg Pilsner 4 x 440ml	£1.75
Skol Lager 4 x 440ml	£1.75
Sainsbury's German Lager 4 x 330ml	£1.95
Farrier Bitter 4 x 440ml cans	£1.15
Sainsbury's Rutland Bitter 2 Ltr	£1.95
Sainsbury's Sparkling Cider 75cl	£1.25
Babycham 4 x 100ml	£1.39



## Criminal violence claims build up

By Peter Evans

The backlog of unresolved applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which was above 50,000 during the year, is causing concern, its annual report said yesterday. The result was unacceptable delays and was due to a severe staff shortage.

Since March, the end of the year covered by the report, the board has been told there is to be a large increase in staff. It hopes that in 1987-88 it will prove possible to start reducing the backlog.

The board reports 39,697 new applications during the year, an increase of 13.8 per cent over the previous year.

The compensation paid to victims of crimes in 1985-86 totalled £41.5 million, the highest amount paid out in any one year since the scheme started and an increase of 17.8 per cent over 1984-85.

The highest award of the year, £175,809, was paid to a mini-cab driver who, in July 1982, was confronted by a gang of hoodlums behaving aggressively and abusively.

The driver spoke to them and was then savagely attacked, punched and kicked to

the ground and then kicked as he lay defenceless.

He suffered severe injuries and did not leave hospital until July 1983. His condition subsequently deteriorated and he is now very seriously disabled.

Two of his assailants were apprehended: one was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and the other to a period of borstal training.

Many of the incidents occur at weekends and often in places and situations which the victim might have avoided had he or she been sober or not willing to run some kind of risk.

In some cases the most that can be levelled against the victim is his or her own stupidity or lack of judgement. Occasionally it is plain that the incident occurred solely because of the victim's own aggressive behaviour and sometimes the person making the application has previous convictions for violence.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, 22nd Report, Cmnd No 42 (Stationery Office, £5.00).

## Doctor 'kept addicts off the streets'

A Harley Street doctor who is accused of irresponsibly prescribing drugs to addicts said yesterday that his aim had been to "keep them off the streets".

Dr Muhammad Rahman told a hearing of the General Medical Council that he wanted to get his patients off drugs altogether. But, he added: "There were a few people who needed to feel normal."

"I felt some of these patients, in order to keep them off the street, should be maintained."

Dr Rahman, of Chestnut Drive, Harrow, west London, is alleged to have charged £20 for each prescription of a heroin substitute.

He admitted that he may have acted irresponsibly.

Dr Rahman is accused of serious professional misconduct.

The hearing continues.

## £275,000 damages for sister

A man who lives with his sister is to pay her damages of £275,000, awarded in the High Court yesterday, after a road crash which left her paralyzed.

Miss Anne Lutman-Johnson, aged 24, an art school clerk, was a rear-seat passenger in a car driven by her brother, William, which went out of control and hit a wall then a tree between Chedworth and Yanworth, Gloucestershire, in June 1984.

Mr Robin Stewart, QC, for Miss Lutman-Johnson, told Mr Justice French that she had suffered spinal injuries which have confined her to a wheelchair.

The damages and costs of the action are to be paid by Mr Lutman-Johnson, who lives with his sister at Woodman-cote, Lodsworth, Petworth, West Sussex. He had denied liability.

## £1m fraud charges

A former bank manager and three of his clients were committed for trial yesterday on 44 fraud and corruption charges involving nearly a million pounds.

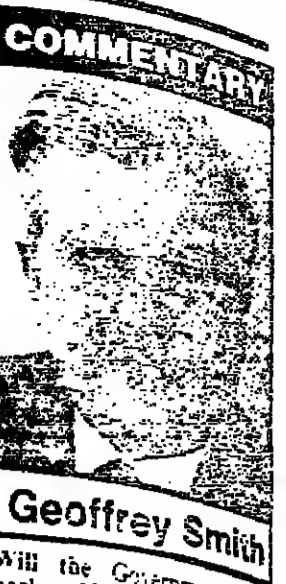
Mr Clifford Agent, aged 53, former manager of Lloyds Bank, Witham, Essex, faces five charges of corruptly accepting gifts from clients, including a car and £5,000.

Mr Agent, of Plough Drive, Colchester, Essex, appeared before Witham magistrates with Mr John Lord, aged 43, a

print worker, and his wife, Moira, aged 30, of Daniel Way, Silver End, Witham, and their neighbour, Mr Ronald Jones, aged 38, unemployed.

Mr Lord faces 12 charges of deception, five of corruption and five of false accounting. Mrs Lord faces five charges of deception and they jointly face six charges of deception. Mr Jones faces six charges of deception.

They were committed to Chelmsford Crown Court on unconditional bail.



Geoffrey Smith

Will the Government look back on 1986 as the year of the terrible Easter Westland, British Leyland and now Nimrod? This latest controversy has many of the same features as the other two.

## Minister became haunted by battle

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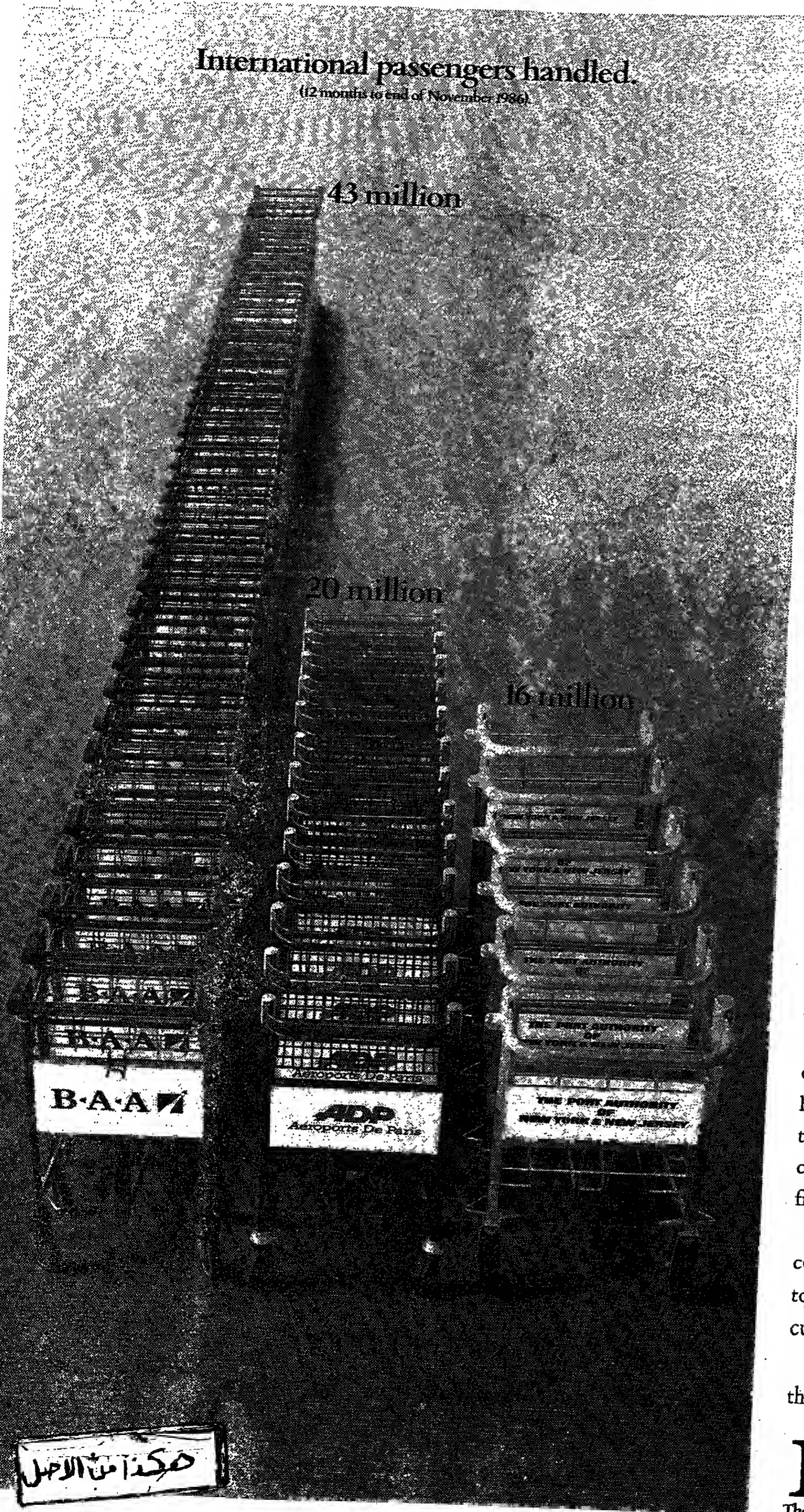
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WORLD SUMMARY

Egypt arrests 44 in coup attempt

Cairo - The Egyptian Government said yesterday that it had foiled another coup attempt - the third in as many months. But, unlike the previous two planned by Muslim extremists, this one was masterminded by a clandestine communist group (A Correspondent writes).

Author's prize

Paris - Francois-Olivier Rousseau, a French writer living on the Isle of Man, has received the 250,000-franc (27,000) Marcel Proust Literary Prize for his novel about a pianist living in 19th-century France (AP reports).

Izvestia in tit-for-tat

Moscow (Reuter) - Izvestia said yesterday that its editorial board had filed suit for defamation against a California businessman, Mr Raphael Gregorian, who won a lawsuit against the daily earlier this year.

The paper said the case against Mr Gregorian would be heard in open court in Moscow early next year. It gave no details of the charges.

The move follows a Los Angeles court decision to award Mr Gregorian \$413,000 damages in a libel suit he brought against Izvestia after the newspaper accused him of espionage in 1984.

Last month, the Soviet Union accused US authorities of having entered the flat of an Izvestia correspondent in Washington, calling the incident "an outrageous action".

Threat removed

Leidschendam, Netherlands - Army experts safely exploded a British wartime bomb weighing 250 lb in this small town yesterday (Reuter reports).

Dam houses reprieve

Madrid - The Spanish Government has suspended all further demolition work on houses in Riado, a town which is to be submerged in a dam project, after protests from angry residents (Harry Dechius writes).

South Africa's day of division

Whites on holiday as blacks protest

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The Day of the Covenant, when white Afrikaners commemorate the victory of their Boer ancestors over Zulu forces at the Battle of Blood River in 1838, appeared to have passed quietly yesterday.

The celebration of the annual holiday coincided with the start of a 10-day "Christmas" campaign against the "Emergency" campaign organized by the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the South African Council of Churches and other mainly black opposition groups.

Yesterday was also the 25th anniversary of the first sabotage attacks carried out by Umkhonto we Sizwe, the guerrilla organization created by the African National Congress (ANC) after it was outlawed and driven underground in 1960.

On Monday night orders were served by the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand on two Johannesburg newspapers prohibiting them from carrying any statements in support of the Christmas campaign, organized by a list of specified organizations.

The two papers affected are the *Sowetan*, a daily written by and for blacks, and *The Weekly Mail*, a crusading liberal paper which was started by journalists made redundant when the *Rand Daily Mail* was closed by its owners last year.

On Monday, the *Sowetan* carried a full-page advertisement for the Christmas campaign, which may have been responsible for prompting the police action.

Among the organizations

Gorbachov sees Thatcher as strongest voice after Reagan

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

An extraordinary hint that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov sees Mrs Thatcher as the strongest voice in the western alliance apart from President Reagan emerged yesterday.

An analysis of remarks made by the Soviet leader during a meeting with the British Ambassador to Russia, Sir Bryan Cartledge, produced a sense of confidence and satisfaction in Whitehall.

Sir Bryan's report is being interpreted in these ways:

- Mr Gorbachov is attaching great importance to the Prime Minister's visit in the spring. He has a very high regard for her international status.
- He believes her visit is timely in the disarmament context. Although she has no mandate to negotiate on behalf of the West, she is more able than anyone else to cut through the confusion in the West that has followed Reykjavik.
- He recognizes that her views have prevailed over President Reagan's on disarmament priorities. The views she handed home during her Camp David talks with President Reagan in November were endorsed at last week's meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Brussels.
- President Reagan has tacitly conceded a wholly different approach to the one he offered to Mr Gorbachov at Reykjavik.
- Mr Gorbachov likes President Reagan's priorities better than those of Mrs Thatcher, but has taken on board the message that she has proved the authentic voice of the alliance.

Four clear points of view

have emerged since the October Summit in Iceland:

- The area of agreement is on the proposal to eliminate 50 per cent of Soviet and American strategic nuclear weapons over five years. During this period intermediate range nuclear forces would be removed from Europe, short-range missiles reduced, chemical weapons banned, and there would be talks on conventional forces. All this would be achieved without compromising the British and French deterrents.
- The disagreement is on the conditions: Moscow insisting that the five-year period should be part of a 10-year plan, while the West wants to take it step by step.
- Mr Gorbachov is firmly sticking to his vision that all nuclear weapons should be eliminated at the end of 10 years. In his meeting with Sir Bryan he again stressed that there should be no dilution of this vision - meaning no attempt to exclude Washington's Strategic Defence Initiative.
- President Reagan's proposal for elimination of all ballistic missiles at the end of 10 years was the major point of contention with the European allies. It was Mrs Thatcher who impressed on him European fears that this would leave Western Europe dangerously exposed to Moscow's superior conventional forces.
- The essence of the new priorities agreed at Camp David and endorsed by Nato was to treat the first half of the plan as an end itself, setting talk of the second five-year plan on one side for the time being.

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Hanoi-Peking links sought

From David Watts Tokyo

The Soviet Union used the Vietnamese Communist Party congress yesterday to urge better relations between Hanoi and Peking.

Since the key to better relations lies in a change in the Vietnamese presence in Cambodia, the remarks by Mr Yegor Ligachev, second only to Mr Gorbachov in the Kremlin, take on added significance when viewed against the background of recent government changes in Cambodia and the fact that the leader of the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot, is now said to be seriously ill in Peking.

With a pat on the back for Hanoi's "sensible and fair

policy" in Cambodia, Mr Ligachev, who is leading a four-man Soviet delegation, said: "The normalization of relations between Vietnam and China would have a major or positive effect on improving the situation in Asia, on improving the international climate as a whole."

Last week, in an important shake-up of the Government in Phnom Penh, the Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen, was stripped of his party and foreign affairs portfolios and the Ministers of Defence and Planning were replaced.

The new Foreign Minister, Mr Kong Korm, who spent some time in the United States, might well prove the instrument of a fresh approach in foreign affairs.

But Mr Ligachev did not say how Vietnam might set about improving its contacts with Peking, saying only that Soviet efforts to improve relations would not harm Vietnam. "As to Soviet-Chinese relations, we have favoured and favour the development of good-neighbourly relations with the People's Republic of China on a principled basis, without damage to the interests of other countries."

Mr Ligachev also referred to what the Soviet Union feels is Vietnamese waste of resources. "We are satisfied that our co-operation with Vietnam is moving toward more realistic ground, taking into consideration the real needs and possibilities of the Vietnamese economy," he said.

Belgian deal gives Renault new chief

From Diana Geddes Paris

M Raymond Lévy, aged 59, was yesterday appointed head of Renault, the state-owned car company, to succeed M Georges Besse.

He was released by the Belgian Government from a five-year contract as head of the Belgian steel group, Cockerill Sambre, Renault, the largest French industrial concern outside the French oil companies, has been without a head since M Besse was killed by terrorists outside his Paris home four weeks ago.

Negotiations with the Belgian Government for M Lévy's release were long and difficult and were completed only after M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, intervened last weekend. Both sides have denied reports Paris made "concessions".

M Lévy's appointment is due to be confirmed at today's Cabinet meeting, after his formal election to the presidency of Renault by a special meeting of the company's board of directors yesterday.

Like M Besse, M Lévy is a graduate of the elite Ecole Polytechnique and of the Ecole des Mines.

After a short spell in the coal mines of northern France, he quickly moved into oil, becoming head of Elf-France in 1975 and vice-president of Elf-Aquitaine in 1976. In 1982 he was appointed head of the newly nationalized Unior steel group, but his two-year contract was not renewed in 1984.

Employers' chief: M Francois Périgot, aged 60, the head of Unilever France, was elected president of the main French employers' union, the CNPF, yesterday to succeed M Yvon Gattaz, who had decided not to run again after the end of his five-year term.

Last of the Brezhnev old guard removed

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday further consolidated his dominance in the Kremlin when Mr Dmitriy Kuznetsov, one of the last remaining members of the Brezhnev "old guard" still serving in the Politburo, was removed from his post as Communist Party leader in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, the second largest of the Soviet republics.

A Tass announcement said that Mr Kunayev, aged 74, had sought retirement, but made none of the flattering remarks normally associated with such a move.

It reported that he had been replaced by Mr Gennady Kolbin, aged 59, a noted Gorbachov loyalist and Russian national who has been prominent in the anti-vodka campaign.

Although Mr Kunayev remains in the Politburo temporarily, he is expected to be removed at the next plenary meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee, which is expected soon.

The sudden end to his long career appears to have been accelerated by a number of recent corruption scandals in the republic, where he has held power since 1964.

Yesterday's move is seen as a significant pointer to Mr Gorbachov's progress in consolidating his control at the centre of the Soviet Government machine at a time when his ambitious reform programme has been running into resistance at the middle-level of party bureaucracy.

Some Western analysts had expected Mr Kunayev, a long-time ally of the late Leonid Brezhnev, to be dismissed at the party's 27th Congress in February.

Mr Kunayev's survival then was taken as evidence that Mr Gorbachov had still not achieved a completely dominant position in the Politburo.

His replacement by a man so obviously in the Gorbachov mould has raised a new question mark over the future of the other veteran Brezhnev associate still inside the 12-man Politburo, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, aged 68, the leader of the Ukrainian Communist Party.

Western observers believe that he is likely to be replaced soon by a younger man.



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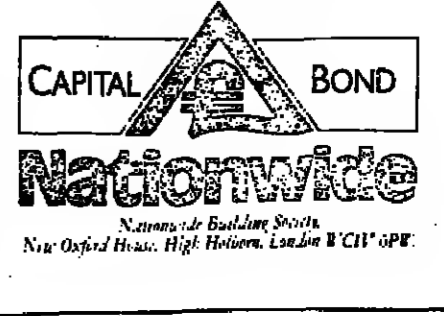
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# Walker will be the first Western minister to inspect Chernobyl site

From Christopher Walker, Kiev

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, is due today to become the first important Western politician permitted to visit the site of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in a move the Kremlin hopes will help convince the world that it has successfully sealed the reactor which exploded on April 26.

A senior British official told *The Times* that Mr Walker is flying the 80 miles from Kiev to the power station by Soviet helicopter and is later returning to Moscow to give a press conference. The visit has been arranged under the Anglo-Soviet energy agreement which was signed shortly before the disaster.

*Pravda* yesterday carried a front-page editorial claiming that the giant concrete structure encasing the reactor was operational and the number four reactor had "ceased to be the source of radioactive contamination of the environment".

The official Communist Party newspaper said: "The unique structure, designed by Soviet scientists and engineers, is complete with all the necessary equipment, diagnostic and checking facilities. About 300,000 cubic metres (392,000 cubic yards) of concrete and 6,000 tons of metal constructions have been laid into the 'sarcophagus'."

Although Soviet authorities have refused to lift the 7½-month-old ban preventing Western newsmen from visiting the scene of the accident, it has been possible to piece together a picture of the conditions Mr Walker will find there from interviews with officials and Soviet staff now at the site.

Soviet sources say that several thousand conscripted soldiers are working at the plant and the 18-mile-wide "dead zone" around it on a huge decontamination operation.

Although officials acknowledge that there has been some discontent among those involved (particularly a unit from the Baltic republic of Estonia), they deny reports circulated by Soviet emigrants



Mr Walker: Kremlin hoping his visit will convince world that soldiers are sent there as punishment.

A senior Estonian official said recently: "Perhaps a man who had two children and has a third on the way would ask and be given permission to return home. But that is the extent of the discontent."

"I can assure you that there has been no mutiny or execution of soldiers as claimed by some irresponsible sources in the West."

In addition to the soldiers, whose units are rotated on a regular basis to prevent individuals suffering dangerous levels of radiation, more than 700 Soviet experts and workers are voluntarily manning the plant where two of the four 1,000-megawatt reactors are back in operation.

According to Soviet figures, about 80 per cent of the current workforce were work-

ing at Chernobyl at the time of the accident, but none of the firemen who fought the blaze has been asked to return.

"It would be quite inhumane for any of them to go back," explained Dr Raisa Petrovna, a Kiev radiologist. All the staff change into white protective coats and hats on arrival and each wears a Geiger-Müller counter which is programmed to emit a loud warning if a dangerous personal level of radiation is reached.

Mr Gennady Dik, a senior engineer who commutes between Chernobyl and a new flat in Kiev — one of 8,000 homes in the city allocated to Chernobyl evacuees — appeared convinced that working at the station posed no great danger.

The two televisions in his spacious flat were a reminder that Chernobyl staff are paid two to three times their normal wages as an incentive. His neighbour, Mr Lenid Vodolasko, aged 44, a shift supervisor who has worked at the Ukrainian plant since 1975, said that there was "a wartime spirit" among those employed there.

Neither of them was prepared to discuss the work of the military decontamination squad which remains the most controversial element in the clean-up exercise. Western experts predict that some of those involved could face long-term health hazards.

Recent figures show that decontamination has been carried out in 500 populated places inside the "dead zone" and in 60,000 buildings there.

Dozens of dykes have been constructed to try to protect water sources and these could face a severe test when the winter snows melt next spring.

# Karachi death toll reaches 140 as ethnic violence continues



A plume of smoke hanging over two blazing railway carriages near Karachi after they were set on fire by rioters during three days of unrest in Pakistan.

## Inflation threatens reforms in Israel

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The spectre of hyper-inflation has risen to haunt the Israeli Government at the very moment negotiations to bring in wide-ranging reforms of the taxation system and capital market have become dangerously bogged down.

At the same time, both unions and management are refusing to accept further austerity measures needed to cut the annual state budget by 500 million shekels (about £250 million).

The gloomy economic picture is causing serious strains inside the National Unity Government, which is struggling to put together a second-stage economic plan to take over from the one introduced in July of last year. That succeeded in bringing down inflation from about 450 per

cent a year to about 20 per cent.

The inflation rate for last month shows an increase of 2.9 per cent, nearly 1 per cent higher than the economic planners had hoped for. This is the third consecutive monthly rise and means that the index since the beginning of the year has gone up by 17.9 per cent already and by more than 7 per cent in the last three months.

Mr Moshe Nissim, the Finance Minister, has been trying to introduce a series of reforms to honour a promise to the US Treasury to liberalize the economy and encourage private investment.

This essentially means a reform of the taxation system, which soaks up about 60 per cent of the national wealth.

From A Correspondent Karachi

The death toll rose to 140 in Karachi yesterday as violence continued on the third day of the worst ethnic riots seen here.

Thirteen bullet-riddled and charred bodies were brought to city hospitals yesterday morning as a result of the current wave of ethnic violence between Pashtuns from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province and the Urdu-speaking Mohajirs (refugees) which broke out on Sunday.

More than 50 people were killed in similar clashes in the port city last month. Most of the dead were from the Orangi town area, where more than 70 people have been killed since Sunday.

The city was deserted as public transport remained off the roads and industrial, commercial and financial centres were closed.

Senior police confirmed exchanges of fire between patrolling troops and unknown persons in Qasba colony, near Orangi township, which has

been the centre of clashes for the past three days.

A hill beside the Qasba colony, where Pashtun rioters were firing on Biharis, was taken by troops late on Monday.

President Ershad of Bangladesh yesterday set free more than 2,500 political prisoners in a new truce offer to the opposition which has been calling for his removal (Ahmed Fazl writes from Dhaka).

However, the authorities have refused to pardon three members of the Awami League who are sentenced to death for rebellion against the army 11 years ago, before President Ershad came to power.

day night after a fierce clash with the occupants.

Officials said the operation started at 8 pm on Monday. The exchange continued for several hours and troops captured the hill at midnight.

The Qasba colony and adjacent Orangi town area was put under curfew on Sunday night after clashes between Pashtuns and Urdu-speaking

Biharis, migrants from Bangladesh, which left 50 dead and more than 200 injured.

Seventy were killed and several hundred injured in bloody clashes on Monday.

Shops, houses, commercial premises and three railway stations were set on fire during day-long rioting on the second day of the fresh ethnic clashes, which were triggered off as reaction to an army operation against drug dealers in the Sohrab Goth district, a predominantly Pashtun and Afghan area.

The Pashtuns, armed with automatic rifles, went on a killing rampage in Orangi town, which has been the centre of ethnic clashes for the past year.

The most violent incident took place yesterday in Shah Faizal colony, in the eastern district of Karachi, where two people were burnt to death and three were shot dead.

The trouble started when private minibus operators tried to force people to close shops. One person was burnt to death in Malir, a suburb of Karachi.

## New leader promises 'breath of fresh air'

# Trinidad and Tobago shocks itself with poll landslide

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

Trinidad and Tobago started itself with the vehemence of Monday's revolt against the People's National Movement (PNM), the party which had governed for 30 years.

Behind the jubilation of Monday night there was a sense of astonishment and even alarm at the bravado which not only inflicted a crushing 33-3 defeat on the ruling party, but threw the Prime Minister and most of his Cabinet out of their seats.

Even the new Prime Minister, Mr A N R Robinson, seemed amazed at the size of his victory as he declared that he would give Trinidad and Tobago "a breath of fresh air and a fresh start".

The PNM now faces a massive task of rebuilding. Only two ministers survived the massacre: Mr Patrick Manning, who had been Energy Minister, and Mrs Muriel Donawa-McDavidson, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, one of whom

will now become the Opposition leader. The only newcomer was Mr Morris Marshall, head of the PNM's Youth League.

The personal defeat of Mr Chambers was unexpected. He was decisively beaten in the constituency he had held for 20 years by Senator Lincoln Myers, who earlier this year staged a 40-day fast on the steps of the Hall of Justice in Port of Spain to protest against the Government's failure to deal with corruption and accountability.

The National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR), which forms the new Government, emerged only last February from the existing main opposition groups, which had inflicted defeats on the PNM in local government elections in 1983 and in elections to the Tobago House of Assembly in 1980 and 1984. Their fusion into one party provided Trinidad and Tobago with the plausible alternative to the

PNM which had never developed because of ethnic divisions.

The NAR quickly began to exploit the public desire for change and mounted a moral crusade against corruption, financial waste, inefficiency, the failure to deal with a growing drug problem or to bring corrupt officials to book and the PNM's slide into aloofness and cynicism. Senator Myers's fast, and the defection from the PNM of a former Attorney-General who had made a reputation for fighting corruption, Mr Selwyn Richardson, focused these concerns.

As the oil-based economy began to contract sharply in the aftermath of the 1974-83 oil boom and this year's fall in oil prices, unemployment became an urgent issue, with the NAR claiming that over 100,000 people in a labour force of 460,000 were without jobs.

The NAR has a 29-point Immediate Action Plan which includes the introduction of legislation to curb corruption, the streamlining of the public service, decentralization of government power and a rapprochement with the private sector. It favours an expansionary policy to stimulate employment, and says it will put new emphasis on investment and savings. It has promised immediate tax relief for low-paid workers.

Internationally, the NAR will maintain close relations with Britain and the United States, while putting stronger emphasis on Caribbean co-operation, contacts with neighbouring Venezuela, and relations with other developing countries. It will offer dual citizenship to nationals. The strained relations between Tobago and Trinidad are likely to be healed under a Tobagonian Prime Minister, and the NAR has promised major development work in Tobago, the largely neglected centre of the nation's tourism.



Mr Arthur Robinson, Trinidad and Tobago's new Prime Minister, being congratulated by a jubilant supporter.

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## Sneer at village backfires

Port of Spain — Mr Arthur Raymond Napoleon Robinson has been leading the popularity ratings in Trinidad and Tobago for months (Jeremy Taylor writes). In a poll published a week before Monday's election, 45 per cent of respondents rated him the best choice for Prime Minister out of a field of eight. The then Prime Minister, Mr George Chambers, ran a poor second with 18 per cent.

Mr Robinson comes across as shy and diffident, but he is perceived as honest and sincere and speaks with vehemence when his principles are engaged. He has a strong moralistic streak and argued repeatedly that Trinidad and Tobago was experiencing spiritual rebirth. "My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of a new age," he told one rally.

He was born in the village of Calder Hall in Tobago in 1926 — yesterday was his 60th birthday. Mr Chambers's joke that the village could never produce a Prime Minister was one of several sneers that backfired on the People's National Movement (PNM). Mr Robinson studied at St John's College, Oxford, and at the Inner Temple in London. When he returned to Trinidad in 1957, he

came under the influence of Dr Eric Williams, who was preparing to launch the PNM as a new nationalist force which would win self-rule and later independence from Britain. Mr Robinson became a founder member of the PNM and entered Parliament as an MP for Tobago in 1961 and served under Dr Williams as Finance and Foreign Minister.

Trinidad's black power upheaval in 1970 came close to toppling the Williams government, and disagreement over the handling of the affair led to Mr Robinson's resignation from the government and the party. He formed the Action Committee of Democratic Citizens, which took part in a boycott of the 1971 election to protest at the use of voting machines and the lowering of the voting age.

Later he launched the Democratic Action Congress (DAC) which won the two Tobago seats from the PNM in 1976. From then on, Mr Robinson was perceived as a Tobago leader, and friction between Tobago and the central government in Trinidad grew. Under pressure, Dr Williams set up the Tobago House of Assembly in 1980, and the DAC won majorities there in 1980 and 1984.

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Bokassa's smile fades as tide turns

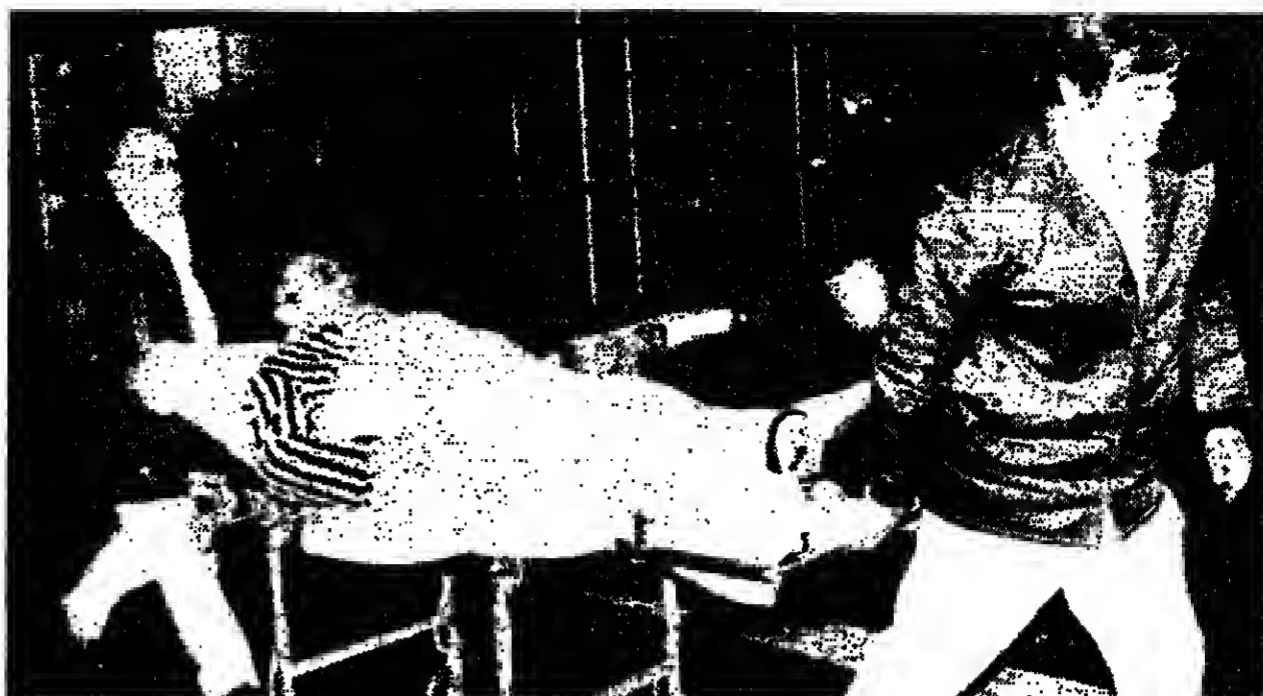
Court spectators boo as former police chief tries to save own skin

Jean-Bédél Bokassa's former chief of police ended his day in court facing the prospect of being jailed for perjury on a truly epic scale. At times when Mr Corzon Kazin was giving evidence in the trial of the former Emperor of the Central African Republic, his efforts to save his own skin so enraged spectators that he was booed and heckled lustily. When the public prosecutor demanded Mr Kazin's immediate detention, the rousing cheers and whistles indicated that he had not been universally popular in his old job. The confrontation in the Palais de Justice arose from attempts to establish whether Bokassa could be held responsible for the disappearance and presumed death in 1973 of Mr Alexandre M'Bongo, a minister in his government. According to Mr M'Bongo's widow Celestine, a large, handsome lady in a dazzling green dress, her husband (who was also Bokassa's cousin) had been seized and thrown into the notorious Ngaraba jail in the capital on suspicion of plotting against the emperor. Standing inches from Bokassa before the bench, Mrs M'Bongo gave a long and emotional account in Sango, the national language, of her desperate efforts to find and save her husband. She never once looked at Bokassa, standing at attention as usual, occasionally shifting his weight from foot to foot. He appeared to be in a chirpy mood, playing to the gallery with occasional off-hand remarks. On one such occasion, Mr Edouard Frank, the presiding judge, brought him sharply to order with a clang on the

brass ship's bell before him. The fur started flying when Mr Kazin, who was barely out of his teens when Bokassa put him in charge of the police, took the stand to testify. In his eagerness to distance himself from the M'Bongo affair, he came close to denying that he knew anything about any of the duties normally associated with such an important person. Certainly nothing would induce him to admit the slightest knowledge of or connection with the demise of Mr M'Bongo. His determination to stay clear of this murky business produced a series of startling contradictions concerning the names, places, dates and events he had only just been giving to the court. The prosecutor could hardly keep his seat; Bokassa's two French lawyers looked incredulous; Mr Frank glowered down from the bench. Bit by bit, poor Mr Kazin went to pieces. Slowly, the prosecution harried him closer and closer to the point of no retreat. The court was absolutely humming by then and you could hear cheers and laughter from the large crowd listening to the proceedings on radios outside. Suddenly Mr Kazin broke, aided no doubt by an offer of immunity from prosecution. His memory miraculously restored, he told the court that Bokassa had, in fact, spoken to him about the arrest of Mr M'Bongo. While all this was happening, Bokassa seemed lost in thought, sometimes smiling sardonically at one of his young protégé's blunders. But he was noticeably less confident and assertive during the

interrogation that followed Mr Kazin's appearance. For the first time he lost his impassive calm, wheeling round in anger when spectators laughed derisively at something he said. It could not have helped his peace of mind when one of Mr Frank's fellow judges could be seen shaking his head in sheer disbelief at the old emperor's evidence. After the first day's hearings, one felt that the defence was ahead on points. The two *maîtres* representing Bokassa had been confident that it was going to prove difficult for the prosecution to produce credible evidence linking their client directly and inescapably to the most serious crimes of which he is accused. But the fight is definitely going against them now. Bokassa seems to sense this, too. "You've already condemned me; give me a last chance to speak," he shouted after one particularly sharp clash with the prosecution. Given the special circumstances of this trial, he might be right.

French firms in Barcelona become target for Eta bombs



One of 24 people injured by a bomb that exploded at the office of a French furniture company in Barcelona being taken on a stretcher for medical treatment. No group claimed responsibility but police blame Eta, the militant Basque separatists.

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Two bomb attacks on French business interests in Barcelona early yesterday have led Spanish police to believe that Eta's military wing has now taken the large industrial city as its target for protesting against the heightened French collaboration with Madrid over terrorism. The Basque armed separatist organization, by claiming responsibility last week for an explosion which damaged the premises of one of the principal Citroën dealers in Barcelona, had already made clear its "hint" that the public should boycott French business interests in Spain.

Five people were still in hospital yesterday with injuries, one of them in a grave condition, after an explosion of about 30 lb of "Goma 2" had damaged the ground-floor showrooms of Roche Bobois, a French modern furniture firm, and flats on the first and second floors.

People were awakened by the explosion, and some left their damaged flats to stay for the night in a hotel near by. A smaller explosion had earlier started a fire at the offices of Ricard, the French drink concern, in a modern business block, injuring one person.

"Eta is evidently seeking a new zone in which to operate," Señor Jordi Pujol, the Catalan Chief Minister, commented after an inspection of the damage. He said Barcelona offered ideal terrain for terrorists.

New Zealand urged to adopt new voting system

From Richard Long Wellington

The New Zealand Government has been urged by a royal commission to abandon the first-past-the-post electoral voting system in favour of the system of proportional representation used in West Germany.

ing the present three-year parliamentary term to four years. The number of MPs, it said, should be increased from 95 to 120.

Mr Geoffrey Palmer, the Deputy Prime Minister, tabling the report in Parliament, said that the recommendations had to be considered seriously, though it could take New Zealanders some time to get used to the idea. He ruled out a referendum to coincide

with next year's general election, saying this was too soon. But Mr Jim Bolger, the leader of the Opposition, spoke against any change to the system.

Mr Justice Wallace, the commission chairman, said proportional representation would bring a degree of safeguard and a degree of check on the absolute power of governments in the single-chamber parliamentary system.

While the Labour Government of Mr David Lange has a 15-seat majority in the 95-seat Parliament, under a proportional representation vote in the larger assembly, the voting last election would have required a coalition government. Labour would have won 52 seats, National 44, the New Zealand Party 15 and Social Credit nine, according to Dr John Darwin, a former government statistician

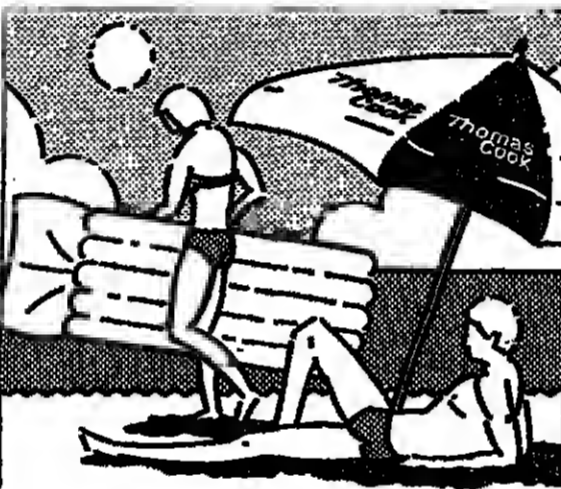
Army threat to break Greek refuse strike

From Mario Modiano, Athens

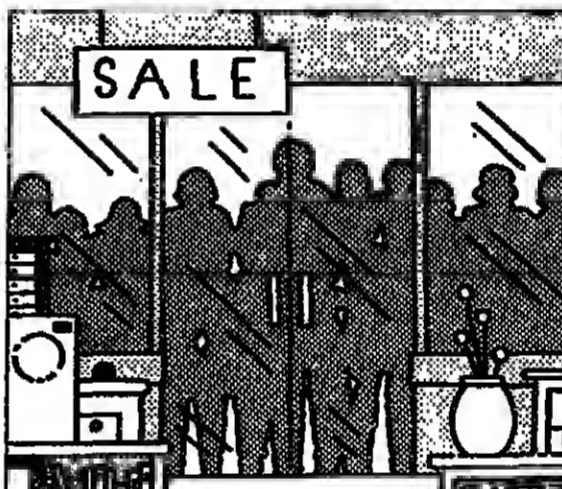
The Greek Government is threatening to put under military orders the 25,000 refuse collectors and street-sweepers of Athens whose strike, now in its ninth day, has left mounds of rubbish at every corner. The municipal cleaners are pressing for higher wages and job security, but the socialist Government, defending its strict austerity policy, refuses to curb its wage freeze or its ban on hiring permanent staff. The cleaners' protest is only one aspect of labour unrest in Greece. Thousands of workers in Athens last night marched to Parliament to protest

against the ban on pay rises. Demonstrations were also held in Piraeus and Salonika. The Government is reluctant to bring in the Army to clear the streets of the capital. Ministers, however, warned union leaders that there is an increasing hazard to public health and they may be forced to mobilize the military. The health hazard has been aggravated by the forays of hordes of alley cats and stray dogs on the piles of black plastic rubbish bags that are now part of the Athenian landscape.

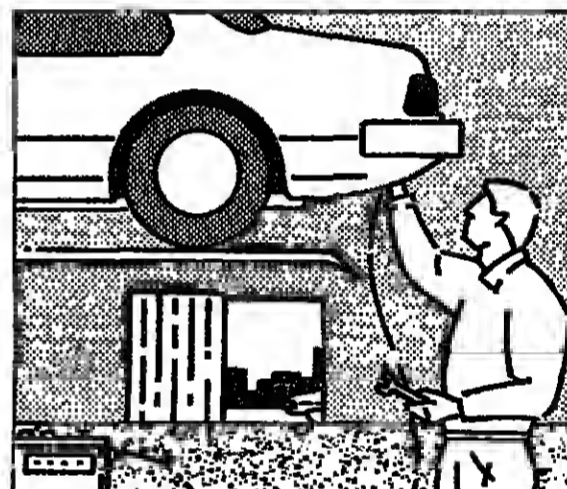
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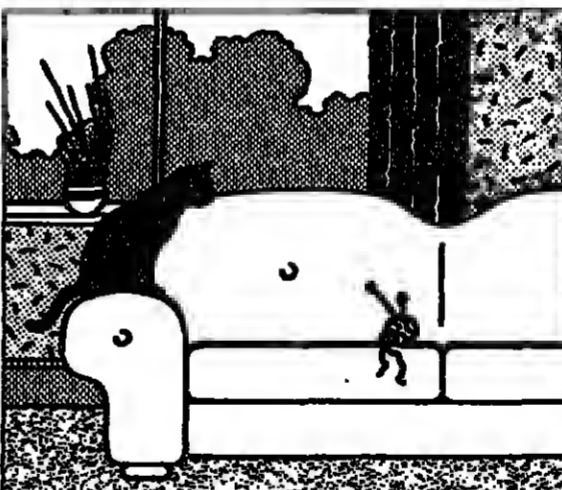
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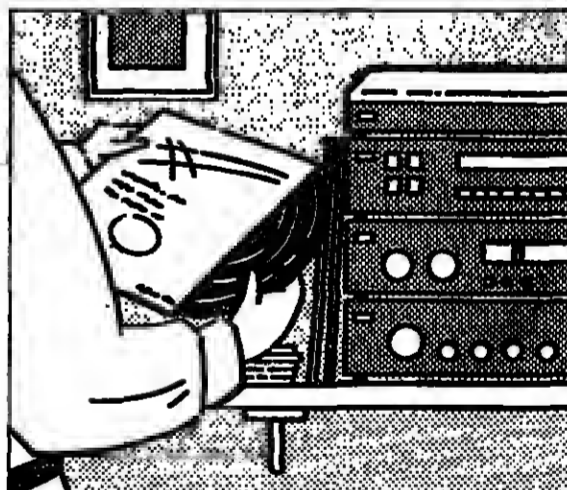
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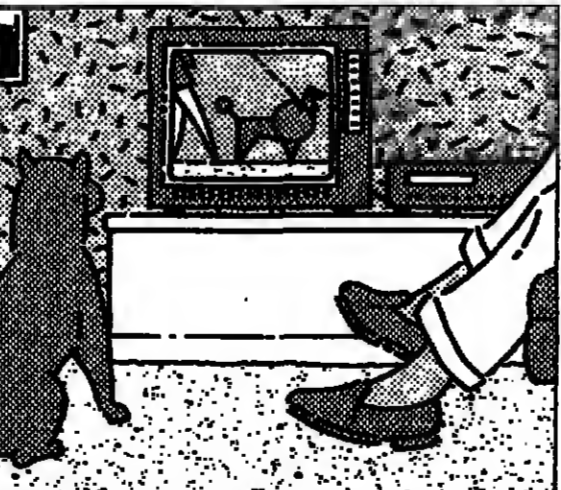
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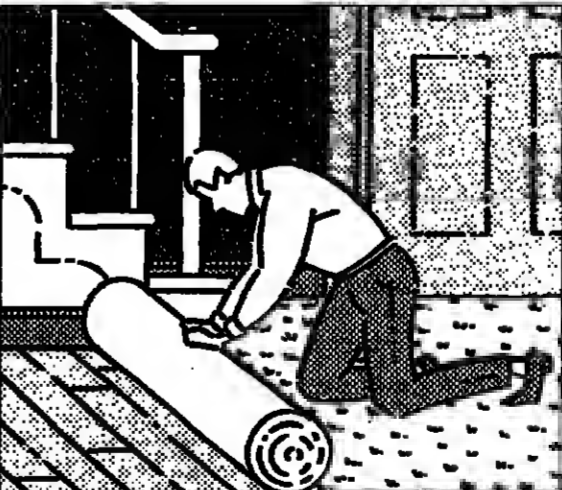
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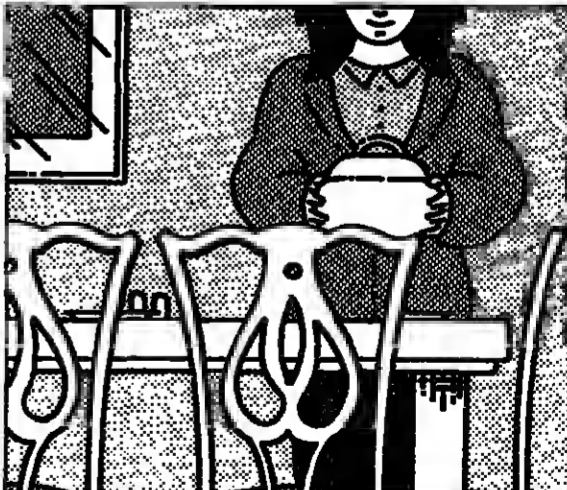
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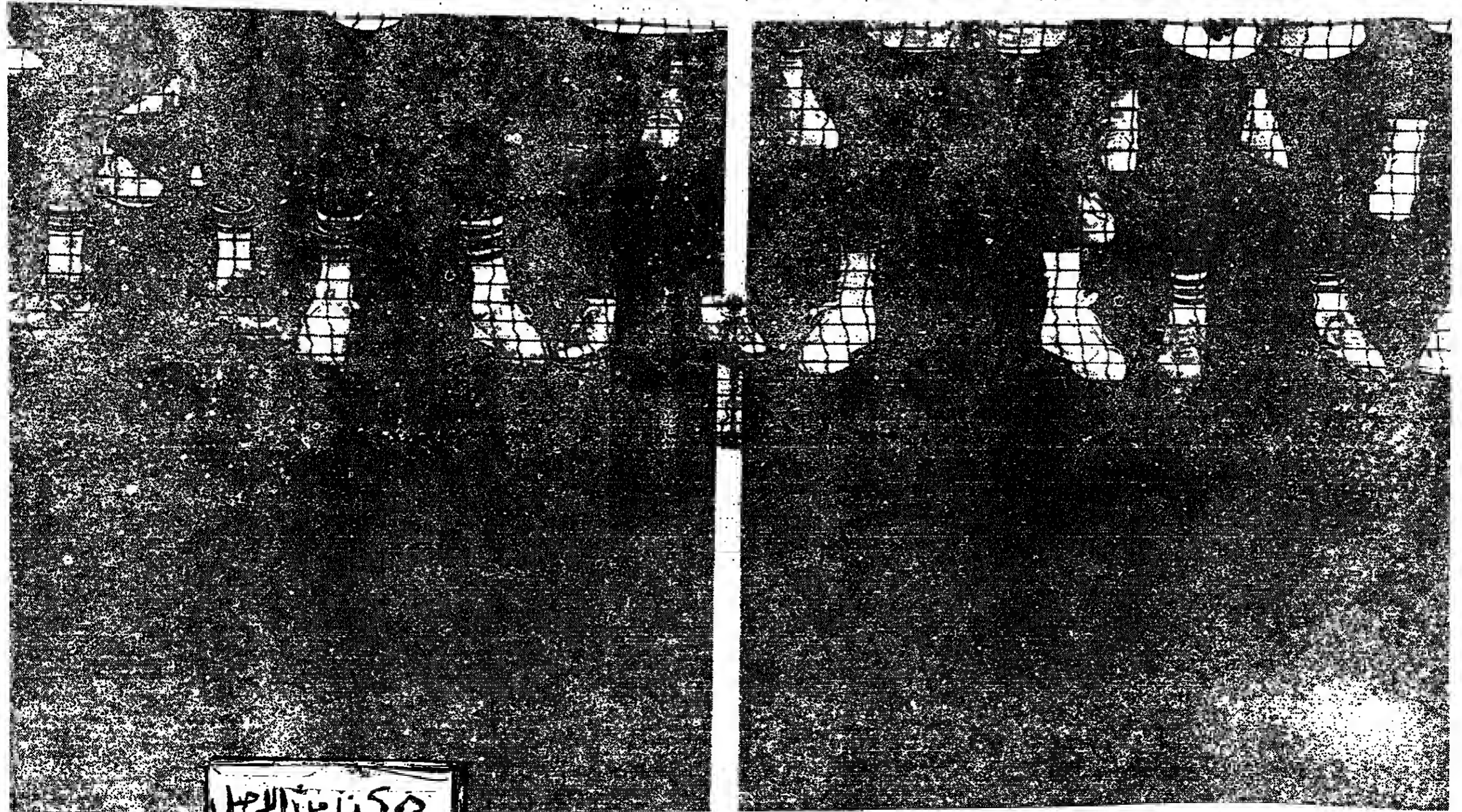
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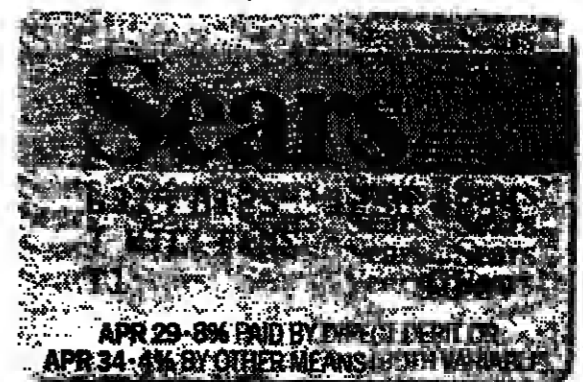
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# The M15 case: a 'pavane' of legal manoeuvring

## Judge challenges Whitehall to answers for chance of success

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

For the second successive day, Whitehall's final submissions in the M15 book trial came under sustained pressure yesterday as Mr Justice Powell spelled out what he sees as loopholes in his argument for having Mr Peter Wright's book suppressed.

And in repeatedly challenging the British case, the judge indicated that he expected the Government to try to answer the points he has raised if it is to have any chance of success.

Not for the first time, he questioned the value of the evidence given by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, who he said had been set out by the Government "as a witness to be cross-examined, but not to admit too much", and warned that these tactics might be counter-productive.

"If that is the way the plaintiff chooses to run the case, so be it. It takes the penalties, as well as taking the advantage."

He said he intended no disrespect to Sir Robert, who he believed had given evidence to the best of his ability. The fault lay with those who had set up Sir Robert as the Government's main witness, when "he did not have the capacity to provide me with good, hard, usable evidence".

The judge referred disparagingly to the Government's latest amendment to its pleadings as "a pavane" of continuing legal manoeuvring.

Most of his remarks, however, were centred on the fact that the Government had done nothing to stop publication of previous books and television programmes which contained similar material to Mr Wright's book.

The "ultimate question", he said, might be whether Whitehall - by failing to try to suppress publication in those cases, although there had been adequate time - had abandoned or surrendered the defence that such material was produced by a duty of confidentiality.

Mr Theo Simos, QC, appearing for the Government, held to the position that it could not be argued that, if the Government had acquiesced in previous publications, it was disqualified from an injunction in the case of Mr Wright, who was distinguished by being an insider in the intelligence community.

Mr Simos took issue on specific points raised by Mr Wright. The raised by Mr Wright, the former head of



Mr Simos, QC, appearing for the Government.

M15, was a Soviet double agent, was a personal one. Against it were arrayed the results of two internal investigations, and a review by Lord Trent who had concurred in those inquiries.

Mr Simos said that, in disagreeing, Mr Wright had stated his views in the Granada television interview and in the dossier forwarded to the Government.

It could not be said that Mr Wright had not been able to make his point. Why then, Mr Simos asked, should he be entitled to commit an admitted breach of confidence on the basis that it was in the public interest?

To that the judge responded that, if the British Government had instituted an inquiry into M15 along the lines of the Hope royal commission into the Australian security services, he would be more inclined to think that there was "no justification for allowing (Mr Wright) to rabbit on incessantly".

Mr Simos said there was no evidence to support the suggestion that there had been a conspiracy involving Lord Rothschild and the Government to get Mr Chapman Pincher's book, *The Trade In Treachery*, published.

Mr Wright in his evidence had spoken of his belief that Lord Rothschild had encouraged him to speak to Mr Pincher "with some degree of official approval".

The substance of this evidence was no more than speculation, Mr Simos said, and it threw up inconsistencies as well.

"If publication (of the Pincher book) had been authorized by the authorities for the purpose of protecting Lord Rothschild (from rumours that he was the fifth man) by suggesting that Sir Roger Hollis was a Russian agent, it would have been pointless (for Mrs Thatcher) to make a statement in the House that differed from that conclusion."

Mr Simos added that Mr Wright's evidence that he been "terrified of getting into trouble" and had corresponded with Mr Pincher using pseudonyms, did not square with his view that Mr Pincher's book had been authorized.

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The US First Lady, Mrs Nancy Reagan, sitting on the White House floor with children of the Washington diplomatic corps to watch entertainers at a Christmas party she hosted.

# Claim for Bhopal too vague, says Carbide

Delhi - The Union Carbide Corporation said yesterday in a written statement to the Bhopal District Court that the Indian Government's claim for \$3.2 million (£2.2 million) compensation for the gas tragedy in 1984 was "not maintainable" as it was based on vague charges (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The company said the Bhopal plant was run by an Indian company - Union Carbide India Limited - with the full knowledge and approval of the Indian Government and the leakage was a result of a "deliberate act" of someone and not due to any negligence or fault in the process. Two thousand people were killed and another 2,000 injured.

Union Carbide had offered \$350 million as an out of court settlement when the suit was pending before an American court. The Indian Government was said to have been ready at that time for a settlement of about \$650 million.

The American court subsequently held that the case should be tried in India and Union Carbide agreed to abide by its decision.

# Pilot error

East Berlin (Reuter) - East Germany announced that pilot error caused Friday's Soviet airliner crash which killed 70 people, including 19 school children.

# Better links

Cairo (Reuter) - Egypt and Israel have agreed to improve telephone links and discuss ways to avoid radio and television jamming.

# Welcome tour

Istanbul (Reuter) - World champion weightlifter Naim Suleymanoglu, who defected from Bulgaria to Turkey last week, received a warm welcome in Istanbul yesterday as he continued a 10-day tour of his new country.

# Ducks off

Copenhagen (Reuter) - Danish veterinary authorities have ordered 20,000 imported Christmas ducks from England to be withdrawn from sale because they taste rancid, according to a veterinary board official, who added that the ducks were not a health hazard.

# Axe revenge

Peking (Reuter) - A 15-year-old Chinese youth killed all five members of a shopkeeper's family with an axe because they suspected him of stealing money from the shop.

# Unsquare meal

Sydney (Reuter) - A lawyer, charged with assaulting his wife for serving only vegetarian food, told a court he lost his temper on a day that began with a breakfast of carrot juice and ended with no supper.

# Surinam looks for heroes as it feels bite of rebel war

From Christopher Thomas, Paramaribo

The war is striking home in Paramaribo. Every morning the bread queues snakes three-deep for 100 yards out of Fernandes's bakery and by 8 am there is nothing left.

Elsewhere, in this palm-shaded little town, there are milk queues and each day crowds of people go away disappointed. In the supermarkets half the shelves are bare. There is beef but no chickens. Clothes come cheaper in Macy's of Manhattan, and prices continue to spiral.

People grumble, but cautiously; the militia is everywhere, informing on people who criticize the military regime. The wrong word can put you in prison for 24 hours, or worse. Soldiers are not heavy in evidence but their presence is felt everywhere.

Paramaribo is not accustomed to privation. Under Dutch rule, which ended in 1975, Surinam was comparatively prosperous. Since independence, 180,000 people have left for the Netherlands and thousands more have crossed into neighbouring French Guiana, which continually has to expand its refugee facilities.

For a country of 350,000 people, that kind of exodus has had a shattering impact. Getting out is a national preoccupation.

Amid all this turmoil and mounting panic, the Government is searching for the national identity, which seems to have got lost somewhere

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It is not an easy task to forge a single national identity out of such an amazingly diverse people. In Paramaribo you see Chinese dancing the Caribbean salsa, blacks and Indonesians eating Indian curries, and Javanese in sarongs can be seen floating down the street in arm with European boyfriends.

Lieutenant-Colonel Deyvis Bouterse, the military strong man, usually speaks "kiki taki" when he addresses this bewildering array of people. It is mostly the language of the bush Negroes, descendants of runaway black slaves. It is not a derogatory term: they are a proud and individualistic people who live an African way of life in thatched huts in jungle villages with a chief and a strict hierarchy.

The Government is delving into the history of these remote people and many are being elevated to national hero status. Legends are being created.

Mr Rouny Bruswiik, the rebels' leader, went home to his Negro village when he left the Army 18 months ago. Recently soldiers turned up in his village and asked the chief where Mr Bruswiik could be found. "You armed him, you trained him, you fired him," he is said to have replied.

Mr Bruswiik roams the jungles constantly, but the Army can never seem to get near him. Without help from the Government, he is becoming something of a folk hero.

# Bogotá overrules court on drug extraditions

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

President Barco of Colombia has moved swiftly to overturn a controversial Supreme Court ruling that an extradition treaty with the United States, specifically designed to bring international drug racketeers to justice, is unconstitutional.

The President put his signature to a law approving the treaty on Sunday night, only 48 hours after the unanimous decision by the Supreme Court had threatened to co-opt the nation's drug racketeers into virtual untouchables at international law.

Colombian "mafiosi" control up to 80 per cent of the world's cocaine trade. US drug enforcement agents believe, but legal experts here are deeply split over the impact of President Barco's action, which has clearly been taken to head off pressure and possible reprisals by the Reagan Administration.

Some argue that the 1980 pact continues in force as before. But others claim that in effect it came into force only with his Sunday-night signature, the Supreme Court decision having rendered previous extraditions under the treaty unconstitutional.

Lawyers for several of the 12 Colombians extradited to the US, who they have received jail sentences of up to 30 years, say that they plan to seek the release of their clients on the basis of the court's ruling. However, it seems likely that the treaty will have to be modified and that meanwhile it is in a state of suspension.

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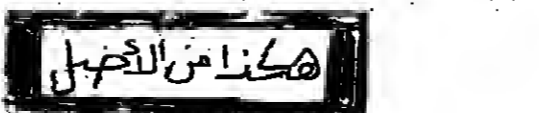
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Claim for Bhopal too vague, says Carbide

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THE ARTS

Forward to the past

Yesterday marked the quarter-century of the African National Congress's first bombing campaign...

TELEVISION

Apartheid (Granada) is a bold, ambitious, archive-plundering stah at a definitive account of the processes that have led up to South Africa's current agony...

If the early history of the white tribe was sketchy, the crucial relations between British and Dutch were presented with admirable clarity...

But perhaps the ghastly bad joke that is apartheid does need only a sentence or two to convey. A veteran of El Alamein recalled, at the height of the battle, putting in a request for a rifle...

Martin Cropper

Revival of pre-war innocence



Partnership full of surprises: Daniel Webb with Margaret Tyzack (photograph by Donald Cooper)

THEATRE

Night Must Fall Greenwich

Apart from giving the killer a four-letter last word and slicing 10 minutes out of the playing time...

Here we are, back in Mrs Bramson's woodland bungalow with a uniformed staff of three attending on the querulous invalid...

True, she does have her tweedy suitor, Hubert, who seems to have taken up residence in the bungalow, slumped in an armchair reading out newspaper headlines...

The question this prompts is whether Williams was simply falling in with the stage conventions of the 1930s, or whether he was taking a rise out of them...

sequence of macabre curtain-lines as night closes in on a second murder, the play is certainly a thriller...

For a start, the household is made up of people who like a good murder, and then find themselves changed from spectators to participants...

Miss Tyzack could have done more to arouse the loathing of the household; what she does present is a wickedly accurate portrait of a selfish old lady...

Irving Wardle

Well-dressed, but vacuous

Smile Lunt-Fontanne, New York

The first-act finale of Smile is a sparkling spoof of the talent competitions most American beauty pageants include to assuage our nation's puritanical conscience...

salary decision, rationalizing. "It takes a lot of money to do our wonderful and worthwhile work..."

The composer Marvin Hamlisch and the book-writer/lyricist/director Howard Ashman do not know when they are ahead. These previously astute gentlemen (Hamlisch composed A Chorus Line and They're Playing Our Song)...

ally connoting the Nativity hovers in the background, following the same star to another of the contests...

There are numerous plot strands - the contest co-ordinator who wants a job with the national pageant, her husband who wants the contest to remain honest...



All the terrors and tribulations of the talent show: Anne Marie Bobby (left) and Jodi Benson

even a Tinkerbell sequence when the co-ordinator turns the contest audience's attention from a gaffe by asking it to applaud the ideals the gaffe has exposed as tarnished...

nic designs, using a pink and blue theme transposed into hot pink and turquoise, are as pretty, as are Paul Gallo's lighting and William Ivey Long's costumes...

Holly Hill

CONCERTS

Jacobson/Ball Wigmore Hall

Julian Jacobson and Andrew Ball, as duo pianists of the 20th century, have an abundant repertoire at their disposal...

They are a real yin-yang pair, Mr Jacobson robust and determined where Mr Ball will tend to be contemplative or fantastical...

LPO/Solti Festival Hall/Radio 3

You cannot really remain aloof from Sir Georg Solti's interpretations. Steering an orchestra unanimously through a huge symphony is a test of will...

It is quite possible to bounce from one extreme to another. In this performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, for instance, one could easily be repelled by Solti's tense, mean and literal way with the first two movements...

charged sections, like Mr Jacobson's "Dance of the Stars", were excellent, but the slow music, partly for being so square, lacked the grandeur that alone can justify it...

Stravinsky's Concerto, however, just needs brilliant playing, which here it had; inspection is its preferred mode of response...

John Casken's new Salamandra perhaps has fewer difficulties of attitude but not fewer of technique, for it is a "fire-haunt" suggesting more the igneous music of Scriabin than of Wagner...

Paul Griffiths

In the Scherzo some quite outstanding horn-playing led off a dance that was paced steadily and delineated superbly...

Those who expected something hot-blooded and intensely Hungarian are to be made of Bartok's Third Piano Concerto, with Solti conducting and Andras Schiff the soloist...

Richard Morrison

The Menotti double bill at Sadler's Wells, reviewed by Hilary Finch on Monday's Arts Page, was produced by the composer assisted by Michael Remison...

For the second year running Bob Crowley was nominated for the Laurence Olivier Designer of the Year Award...

Bob Crowley (right), acclaimed designer of Les Liaisons dangereuses, tackles a very different play in A Penny for a Song...



Filling in the blanks

want to do (Classical Drawing), before he enjoyed a scholarship year discovering his "real purpose" under the tutelage of Nat Brenner at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School...

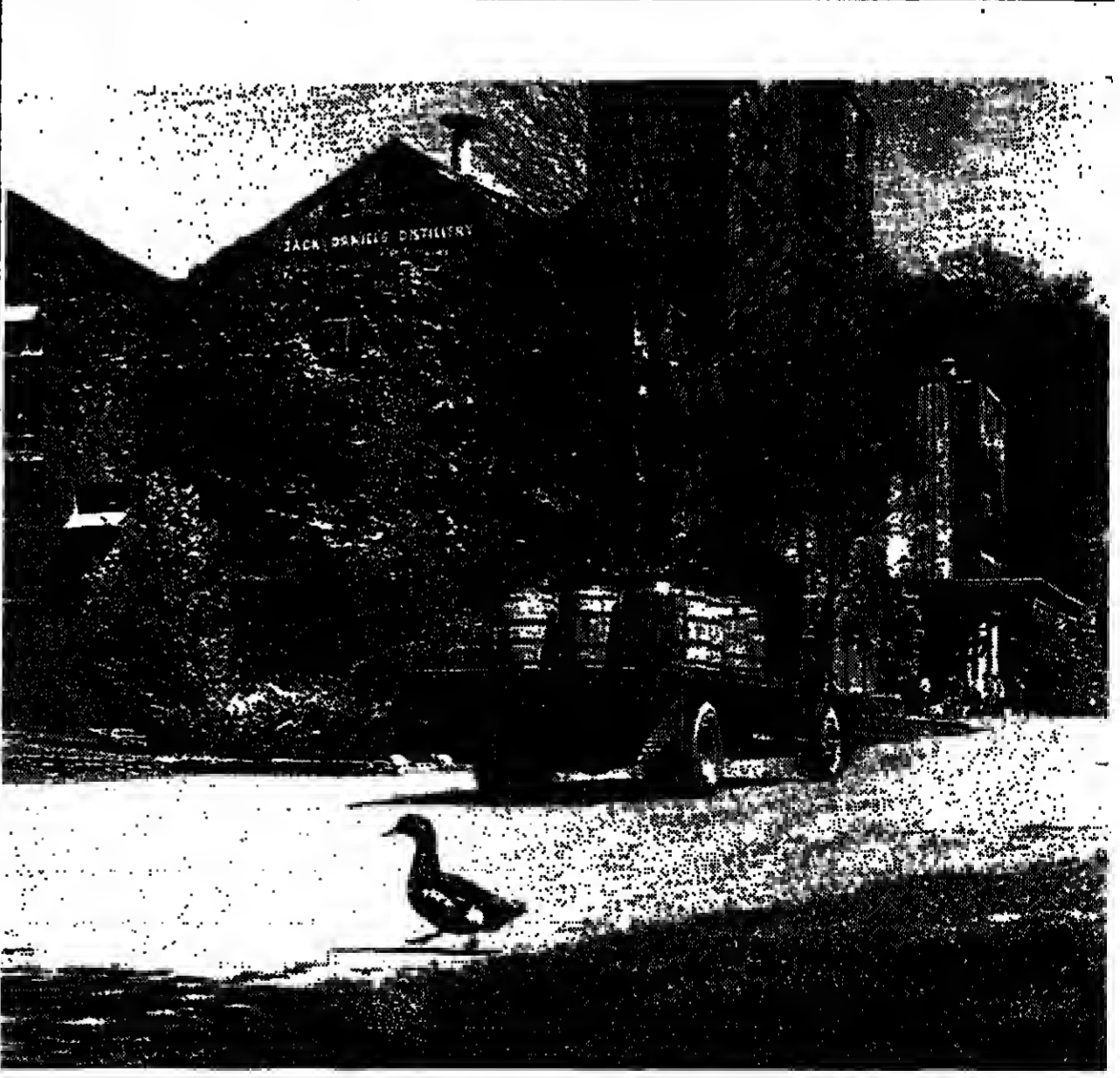
British Rail Getaway Weekend to Dunsinane Castle? Actually, I think it's quite a literal set, there are huge staircases leading to real rooms...

The set is modern, but the costumes are Jacobean. Crowley likes mixing the two, and thinks "it's natural, vicious to surround the faces in a black world with white ruffs and collars..."

thing is to bear the words first, and not to be told how you're meant to hear them. Shakespeare's images are always going to win really...

Crowley is an associate designer of the RSC, which means that he does a certain amount of work for them each year and is then free for other projects...

Despite a certain fatigue brought on by this year's hyper-activity, Crowley has already started on next year's work. He is off to New York next week to discuss the Broadway production of Les Liaisons dangereuses...



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# Decision day for the eye in the sky

Graphic by David Hart and John Grimshaw

Tomorrow the Cabinet is expected to choose the American Awacs early-warning aircraft. Keith Hindley assesses Boeing's aerial Sentry

The world's most sophisticated radar station, manned by a crew of 22, slowly circles 30,000 feet above the gale-lashed Shetland Isles. Its electronic sensors reach out through cloud and rain, probing an area larger than the British Isles for the first hint of a Soviet ship or plane.

From this viewpoint, a Boeing E-3C Awacs (airborne warning and reconnaissance aircraft) — known to Nato as "Sentry" — scans land, sea and skies and can track almost everything that moves, from a coaster to the smallest helicopter. Its aim is to spot an enemy at long range, giving Nato defences early warning and more time to respond. It also guides Nato aircraft to distant targets.

On this day, one of the plane's radar systems is now suffering interference from powerful Soviet radio station — a sure sign of impending action — but alternative radar are still working well. Suddenly, images flash onto the screens as aircraft emerges from the Norwegian coast. Seconds later, computers identify them as Soviet SU-24 Fencer bombers escorted by SU-27 Flanker fighters.

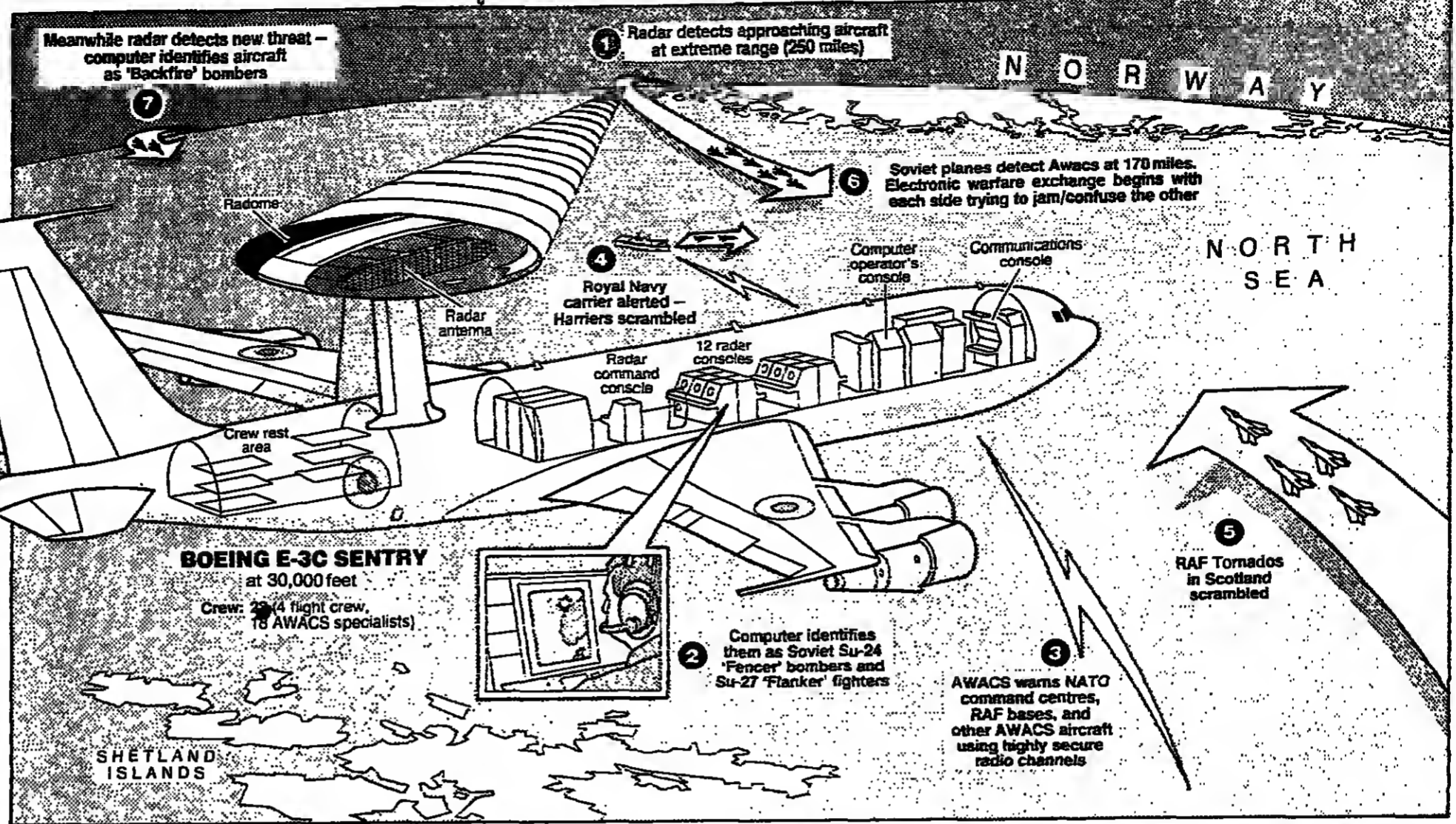
The crew alert Nato command centres — at RAF Waddington and in Germany, Greece, Sicily and Turkey — and a nearby Royal Navy aircraft carrier and RAF fighter bases. The carrier launches Harrier interceptors, while Tornado fighters scramble from RAF airfields in Scotland.

Minutes later the Soviet planes detect the approaching Harriers and then pick up the Awacs plane as well. The Soviet fighters peel off to face the Harriers and attack the Awacs Sentry; a long-range electronic battle begins. Both sides use sophisticated radio signals in attempts to jam or block each other. But the

Sentry crew hold contact with the enemy by repeatedly changing radar and radio frequencies to evade the jamming in a quick-fire battle of wits. Some of the Nato radar equipment is designed to switch frequency in a random pattern hundreds of time per second. The Sentry crews also prepares flares to confuse heat-seeking missiles, strips of radar-baffling tin-foil called "chaff" (200 strips will pass through the eye of a needle) and evasive manoeuvres to counter an attack from the approaching fighters.

Suddenly a new threat looms as Soviet TU-26 Backfire bombers appear over the northern horizon. They carry cruise missiles for targets all over Europe and once launched, Awacs must track every missile.

An Awacs crew can track up to 400 targets simultaneously. Indeed, they have also been searching for a Soviet aircraft carrier and Soviet Blackjack bombers expected within range at any time. Both the Boeing Awacs Sentry and the British Aerospace AEW Nimrod were designed to seek, track and direct in all weathers, to see but not be seen. The US air force decided to



develop a new generation of airborne radar over 20 years ago by a competition between contractors. In the late Sixties, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas both made proposals for modifying airliners for Awacs use and Boeing was awarded the contract in July 1970. Two planes were ordered and fitted with competing radars developed by Westinghouse and Hughes. After rigorous comparisons, Westinghouse got the main radar contract in October 1972. This "fly-off" system is a relatively cheap way of giving competing contractors development experience.

The Awacs plane carries several dozen electronic systems and bristles with aerials

besides those within the large radome. One radar detects targets, another studies the echoes and identifies the planes from a memory bank of how all known planes normally appear, particularly Soviet ones.

Other transmitters interrogate friendly aircraft for their identity, via signal automatically transmitted by each Nato plane, while Awacs can also stay silent and listen instead to signals given out by targets. Radar operators can choose any of more than 20 combinations of radars and can divide the screen into 32 sectors and use a different combination in each one if they want while flying up a coastline, for example, they can use the

most appropriate radar for land and sea. There are more than a dozen communications channels, all using different equipment, wavelengths and transmission methods.

Of these, some send continuously, others in long bursts, while the most sophisticated cram signals into brief bursts that are aimed directly at the command centre being radioed. Such signals cannot be intercepted or jammed. Getting such a varied collection of equipment to work together is always a major hurdle. Awacs suffered as many problems as, if not more than, the British AEW Nimrod has in fine tuning its radar

performance under wet and stormy European conditions.

It is not too difficult to design a sensitive radar capable of picking up fast moving, low-level targets. The real problem is sorting out aircraft echoes from the background clutter on the ground. It can be done, but computers must be re-programmed in a big way. In the case of Awacs the baffles had to cure the plane's liking for cars, windmill farm pumps and telegraph poles.

The Awacs radar system will not operate under all conditions, and so operators can choose one of more than a dozen settings to suit particular conditions. This development work on Awacs absorbed two and a half to three times

the sum spent so far on the same problems with Nimrod.

Awacs was designed to work over land, but the US Air Force wanted to cover some sea areas. But the original Awacs radar only worked at sea in a flat calm — otherwise, wave tops gave echoes, and a formation of jumbo jets could sneak past unnoticed. Later models did better, but Awacs remains a radar designed for land.

Nimrod, in contrast, was designed specifically for maritime patrols. It is less troubled by sea conditions and the poor weather which is commonplace in Europe. But, once again, problems arose when engineers were asked to modify the equipment for use over

land. There is no doubt that GEC has been on the way to solving them, but it would take more time and much more money to produce a radar as effective as the Awacs system.

Nato obviously benefits from a shared system, and all other countries already use Awacs. The Nimrod is cramped inside, with little room to fit additional equipment; the Boeing, on the other hand, has plenty of spare room inside — enough to hold a group of 25 observers during demonstration flights without affecting the 18-man electronics crew.

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## A kiss is a foreign affair

### Britain buys most of its mistletoe from overseas, but that situation may be changing



Scarcely a sprig of the mistletoe that will soon unite office party Jacks and ever-so-slightly tipsy Jills comes from this country. It still grows here, but not in the quantities required.

Peter Heyes, a Middlesex mistletoe merchant, says: "Although a little comes from Worcestershire and Lincoln, 95 per cent of what is sold is from the Continent, particularly northern and central France and the area around St. Malo."

"Last year there was a bit of a disaster. Some of the mistletoe was picked too early and turned to powder as though it had been cooked in a microwave. This year I insisted on December picking. All we take now grows wild on decrepit, untended trees. Within five years, as these become fewer, I think it will be raised commercially — with a welcome increase in quality. Cut lengths of the parasitic shrub, *Viscum album*, reach Mr Heyes's base at Hayes in crates normally used for cauliflower. "We take two or three truckloads — and that is a lot of mistletoe. It is tricky stuff to deal in and there is some resistance to it within the trade."

Disapproval is nothing new for mistletoe, which was working its wicked magic long before Roman colonists condemned the practices of Celtic priests who venerated it deep in the British wildwood. Unlike other evergreens, pale pagan mistletoe never won acceptance by the early Christians. Holly, the "holy tree", and haws of pine might decorate the church but not mistletoe, the ally of Druidism. There is a story that mistletoe was once a tree big enough to be used in the construction of Christ's cross. In subsequent disgrace it was relegated to the level of parasite.

The Druids, according to

one line of thought, were pleased to find it growing on oaks which represented awesome strength; and, being frequently struck by lightning, were associated with the god of thunder. A wonderfully medicinal plant growing on a deity's favoured tree could have had irresistible appeal to them.

Mistletoe has been associated with oaks ever since. But in fact it likes nothing better than to get its absorbent haustoria into an aged apple tree. The flowers open between February and April, but the white spherical berries are not ripe until the following winter.

Superstitions clung to mistletoe long after the Druids were gone. Writing in 1888, T.F. Thistleton Dyer quoted the diarist John Aubrey: "There was at Norwood an oak that had mistletoe, which was felled around 1657. Some persons cut this mistletoe for some apothecaries in London and sold them a quantity for 10 shillings each time and left only one branch remaining for more to sport out."

"One fell lame shortly after, soon after each of the others lost an eye, and he that felled the tree, though warned of the misfortunes of the other men, would notwithstanding adventure to do it and shortly afterwards broke his leg."

Mistletoe occurred in dream lore as a warning to take great care in matters of the heart and even has a place in Norse legend. By the Middle Ages, there are references to mistletoe as a symbol of greeting and goodwill which might explain why the waxy white berries hung up near the strip lighting still have some influence on sophisticated swains and maidens as a licence to kiss.

John A Hill

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## Crash of an heroic villain

### The fall of Ivan Boesky has sent an echo down the years, but Richard Whitney was in a class of his own



To those who remember the Great Crash of 1929, Richard Whitney is Wall Street's most notorious fallen angel. In 1938, impeccably dressed and carrying a valise of hand-tooled leather, the former president of the New York Stock Exchange slipped quietly into Sing Sing prison, to serve a five-to-10-year sentence for embezzlement.

Inevitably, Whitney's fall has been compared to that of insider-trader Ivan F. Boesky, whose disclosures are likely to shake the foundations of Wall Street. But Boesky was an outsider, whereas Whitney was the real thing: a hero to the small investor, a respected member of the class which once ran Wall Street.

It was not until 1929, however, that Whitney — by now vice-president of the New York Stock Exchange — burst into the spotlight, becoming an overnight hero on Black Thursday, when fortunes were lost in a matter of hours and panic reigned in the streets. Nearly 13 million shares changed hands and by noon the market was out of control.

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and his young wife, Gertrude, owned a \$100,000 town house in New York, a 231 acre estate in Fair Hills, New Jersey, a stable full of thoroughbreds and were members of the best clubs.

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calmed frightened traders, was a spectacular bid which convinced them that the bankers remained confident. Building on the drama, Whitney strolled to post after trading post, placing overpriced bids for blue-chip shares which eventually reversed the market's decline.

From that day of personal triumph, Whitney went on to greater glory as the "Voice of Wall Street". He was president of the exchange, Wall Street's representative in Washington, where angry politicians were threatening to curb the speculative excesses that had harmed millions.

But Whitney was himself deep in debt, sinking into a

financial pit that he had begun digging as early as 1923. His inflated view of his ability to manage not just money but enterprises had led him to invest in applejack distilleries, peat mines projects, the mining of mineral colloids and other losing enterprises.

As he fell deeper into debt he borrowed millions of dollars, finally resorting to theft to keep his enterprises afloat. He did this by posting shares belonging to other people as collateral for his loans and embezzling funds entrusted to him by the stock exchange, the New York Yacht Club, his father-in-law's estate and numerous of his wealthy peers.

After serving his time in Sing Sing, where even the guards deferred to him as "Mr Whitney", he retired to his family's dairy farm in upstate New York, passing his remaining years in obscurity until his death in 1974.

Bailey Morris

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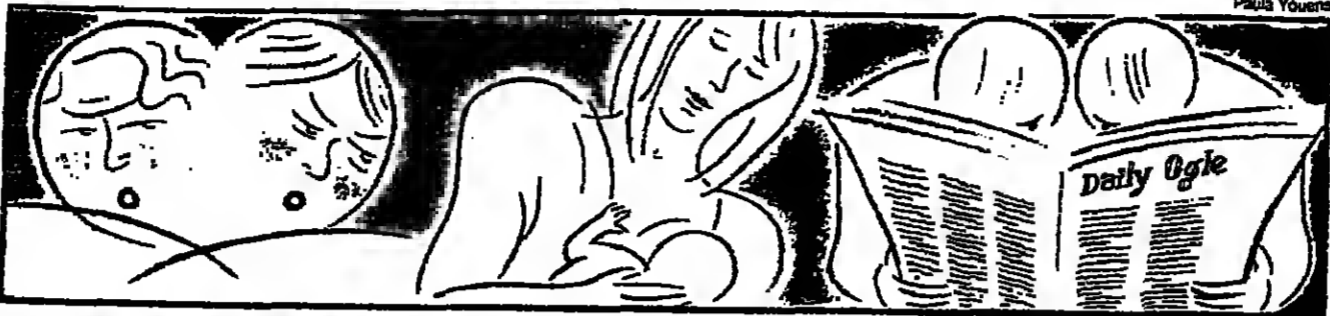
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

'What makes public breast-feeding a moral question is not the act itself but the arguments used to justify performing it'

As any acquaintance of mine would confirm, breast-feeding is not a subject I spend much time worrying about. In my view, it's a sensible practice which saves a lot of time-consuming bother with formulas and an endless need to replace chewed-up rubber teats.



Paula Youens

I didn't know, in fact, that mothers were lactating in stately homes, but this was drawn to my attention by a Times column written by Margery Roberts who disagreed with my attitude to public breast-feeding.

have a baby that even by the demanding standards of the four or five-month-old needed rather a lot of attention. Her baby, she pointed out, likes to feed for "much of the evening", which was why she moved the meetings of the church committee of which she was secretary from the vestry to her home.

Other readers had more specific suggestions based on their own experiences. British Rail, for example, was unfavourably compared with Sweden where long-distance trains come equipped with "child-compartments".

What is interesting to me about all this is the point at which a trivial matter of matters becomes a moral question. What makes public breast-feeding a moral question, I think, is not the act itself but the arguments used to justify performing it.

I have been trying to understand why some women seem so keen on publicly breast-feeding. I should think that the desire simply to keep in the swim of dinner conversations and so on is only part of it. In some cases, it may be a slightly martyred bid to get attention. Others may do it as a political stance ranging from feminism to anti-establishmentarianism. Some may do it to shock.

BRIEFLY

Listen for success

Locking into a network of information and support can help boost a woman's chances of career success. With that aim, the National Organization for Women's Management was founded in 1981 to inform women about workshops and courses designed to improve their management and personal skills.

When the hand you're feeding becomes a fist

Seven weeks ago Sally Jones walked out of a police station with blood streaming down her face, two black eyes, a chipped tooth, and a pair of smashed glasses. The damage had been inflicted by a metal ashtray, hurled at her face by a 15-year-old youth.

As Whitehall begins an inquiry, a victim of the growing violence against social workers talks to Jill Sherman

The youth, Barry, has already served his sentence - two weeks in a detention centre - and is now back home. Sally, his social worker, is still wrestling with a set of conflicting emotions that have rebounded on both her work and family life.

he threw the ashtray at me. "I had realised he was tense but no more than usual. Sitting next to him I couldn't see the full span of his face or his right hand. He picked up the ashtray with his strong right arm - he's a big lad - and forced it into my face."



Shadowlands: Sally Jones is more wary since the attack

work, too. He couldn't understand why I felt guilty or worried that others would blame me. He thought I was over reacting. I didn't get much sympathy.

ings, my wobbliness, the tearfulness, the odd snide remark or snarl, the misplaced humour, my fear that others would blame me, the occasional yearn to flee from the office and go to bed. I wanted my colleagues to accept this and make allowances for it, I didn't want to be told by my boss that I needed counselling, and I resented it.

A MOUNTING TOLL OF VIOLENCE

A survey of 5,000 health workers, to be published next month, shows that one in 200 following a violent attack during the last year. A further one in ten needed first aid and one in 20 had been threatened with weapons, including knives, broken bottles and chairs.

- adequate support to the victim. A recent survey by the British Association of Social Workers showed that less than half the social service department contacted had implemented any security measures at all and few could produce any guidelines. The Health and Safety Executive's draft recommendations include:
- Using physical devices to offer protection for certain groups of staff, such as personal alarms, panic buttons and two way radios.
- Redesigning reception areas and waiting rooms to make them less isolated and more homely.
- Minimising delays, telling people why they have to wait and providing simple explanatory leaflets.
- Providing adequate and flexible staffing levels, ensuring cover for nights, weekends and changeover periods and seeing that individuals are not isolated for long periods.
- Providing training courses in the prevention and management of violence, including confidence, assertiveness and self defence courses.
- Offering support and counselling to victims with information on legal assistance and compensation.

At the crease

The cognoscanti are begging Stateshoun travellers to return with cans of an extraordinary spray called "Wrinkle Free". You spray it on your clothes and the fine mist of fabric softener, water and alcohol removes the creases almost instantly. It can be found in major US department stores - and the sooner we can buy it here, the better.

QUOTE ME...

"Men are very good at not seeing what they don't want to see, even on a simple level like the washing-up piling in the sink. If they don't want to do it, they just literally don't see it. That's a lesson women should learn." - Helen Mirren, actress.

Boxed set

Parents trying to teach very young children to read could find "Flying Start" videos a boon. Nursery school teacher Michele Kimeho enlisted Rolf Harris's help in producing a part-film, part-cartoon tale to instruct toddlers in basic literacy and numeracy. It's accompanied by flashcards, story books, work-cards and a guidebook and can be used by children from the age of three. "Flying Start" kits one and two are available at £19.95 each through Virgin, HMV and Woolworth shops and two more should reach the shelves next summer.

TALKBACK

From Vicki Ochocki High Beeches Gerrards Cross, Bucks Barbara Amiel's column on domestic violence (December 16) may for some readers encourage the stereotype that wife-hitting mainly occurs when a shrewish woman berates her husband after he has an innocent night out with the boys.

Secretary required, mop supplied

Some bosses are demanding enough to put the vacuum into the sits. vac.

The following sounds like something from a television comedy script: "When you have finished what you are doing, Miss Crane, please take my wig to the cleaners and then give my false teeth a scrub." It is in fact an authentic instruction issued by a managerial male to a cowed secretary.



transact business for another." Who has not been the victim of anonymous secretaries who appear to be incapable of taking down an address or telephone number accurately, who use phrases such as "could you, please, indicate the nature of your enquiry" or "Mr Page is in conference at this moment in time, I will endeavour to ensure your message is conveyed to him in due course." It is a betting certainty they will not ring back as promised. If they do, they will tell you something you don't want to know and haven't asked for in the first place.

possible misprint for "material" and certainly a violation of the sex equality legislation, unless he doesn't mind employing someone with paternal proclivities. To encourage applicants, he adds: "rusty shorthand will suffice". Another insists his secretary should "help run your bosses life".

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Gas would return to state control Labour warns new investors

The Labour Party yesterday outlined its preliminary plans for taking British Gas back into state control. They are likely to follow closely the blueprint laid down for the nationalization of British Telecom...



Bryan Gould: SIB would be given statutory powers

Opec struggles for agreement

Iraq was looking increasingly isolated yesterday as backroom negotiations intensified in Geneva where the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is struggling to reach agreement on production cuts aimed at raising oil prices to \$18 a barrel.

Giordano's £111,000 pay cut

Mr Richard Giordano, the chairman and chief executive of BOC and one of Britain's highest paid industrialists, has not had a salary increase this year...

Profits target is beaten

McCorquodale, the specialist printing company taken over by Norton Opax after a hard-fought battle, has beaten the profits estimate made in its defence document.

Oceonics loss

Oceonics Group, the marine electronics and information technology group, made pretax losses in the six months to September of £1.97 million against the last first-half loss of £3.27 million.

P&O director

Mr Charles Hambro, chairman of Hambro, the merchant banking group, will join the board of P&O, the shipping company, as a non-executive director from January 1.

IC Gas ahead

IC Gas made pretax profits of £18.5 million in the six months to September against £17.3 million in the last first half. Calor Gas, for which the group is best known, made a pretax profit of £16.2 million against only £798,000 last time.

EMAP buy

EMAP (East Midlands Allied Press), the provincial newspaper and magazine group, is paying £22 million for Courier Press, Courier, which publishes 20 newspapers, last year reported pretax profits of £2.07 million on turnover of £12.6 million.

BSC adviser

The Government will shortly appoint a merchant bank to advise it on the privatization of British Steel Corporation. Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for Industry, said.

Building society cash dips

Mooney flowing into building societies nosedived during November from October's record high even though investors withdrew less than expected to buy British Gas shares.

Enterprise buys ICI's N Sea assets

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£42 million offer for jeweller

Oriflame International, the Swedish jewellery and cosmetics group registered in Luxembourg and listed on the London Stock Exchange, is planning a 'drive into the British jewellery market with a £42 million takeover offer for The Goldsmiths Group, whose interests also include hotels and insurance.

BAA sets its sights on the complete airport package

Government next June or July, after the privatizations of British Airways in January and Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine maker, in the spring. The attraction of owning seven airports, now re-organized as separate subsidiaries of BAA, is expected to raise up to £750 million for the Treasury.

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New image for BAA: Sir Norman Payne studying the options for hotels and leisure centres on 750 acres of airport land

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for Stock Markets (New York, Tokyo, Nikkei Dow, etc.), Main Price Changes (Rises, Falls), Gold, North Sea Oil, and Currencies.

Upturn by manufacturing industry Output up by 0.3%

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Berisford's mystery 3% owners frozen out Managers' buy-in bid for Simon snubbed

By Alison Eadie
S&W Berisford, the sugar refining and commodity trading company, has obtained a High Court order...

Limit for charity tax relief raised

By Peter Gartland
The cost to the Government of the payroll-giving scheme is likely to rise by 10 per cent to £22 million for the year 1987-88.



Nigel Lawson scheme will cost him £22 million receive tax relief on the full donation at the top rate of income tax paid.

Prices edge ahead in early trade

New York (agencies) - Monday's late-afternoon, arbitrage-related buying lifted the market's spirits and helped shares to stage a moderate advance in early trading yesterday.

Flat figures from S&N

Half year profits at Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer and hotelier, suffered a £5 million shortfall owing to poor trading experience at the group's hotels.

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Shares were also aided by the bond market, where a 1.8 per cent decline in November's housing starts dampened some concern that interest rates would rise.

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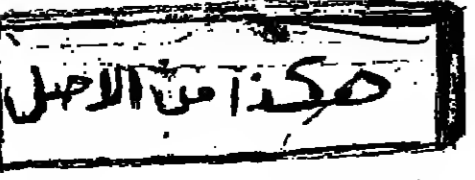
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STOCK MARKET

British Gas holds steady at 64p as Sid refuses to sell out

By Carol Leonard

The flurry of selling which had been expected in British Gas shares yesterday...

He says: "If the omelette from Opec is bad, the price could fall to around 55p in the medium-term, but if it is good the ceiling price will probably be adjusted upwards, possibly to as much as 85p."

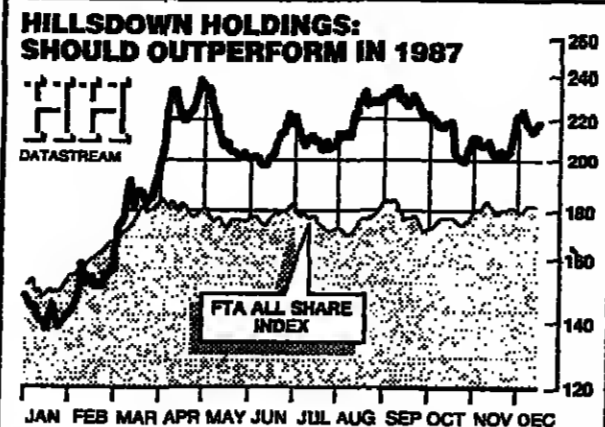
The rest of the oil sector had an erratic day as hopes of an agreement on production quota cutbacks from the Opec meeting were once again dashed.

The partly-paid British Gas shares held steady at 64p, unchanged from their closing level the night before and even though 298 million shares changed hands yesterday.

In contrast, City analysts are now saying that British Gas shares could creep back up to 70p, or higher, within the next couple of weeks.

One oil analyst said: "It's very hard to guess what the small investor is going to do. The institutions are waiting on the sidelines, hoping the price will go lower, but if Sid really isn't going to sell, they'll have to come in and start buying at present levels."

Mr Brendan Wilders, the oil expert at Rowe & Pitman, the broker, says the price of British Gas is now hanging on the Opec meeting in Geneva.



for the close, to end the day 0.9 higher at 1,637.9. The FT 30 share index closed at 1,279.6, down 0.7.

being tipped as one of the "star buys" for 1987 in the food manufacturing sector by Mr David Shaw, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Glits opened up to 1/4 better at the longer end and improved by a further 2/4 at 11.30 am when better-than-expected PSBR figures were announced.

In a 32-page review of the sector, which was being hand-delivered to a number of big institutional fund-managers yesterday, Mr Shaw said the Hillside share price was still depressed by the recent share placing.

Among leading equities, Grand Metropolitan dipped 10p to 463p, on profit-taking - although market makers remain convinced that a "mega-hid" is just around the corner.

He said: "The shares, which should be viewed as a core holding, are an excellent investment."

Yesterday, Hillside announced that its Buxted Poultry subsidiary was buying the Norfolk-based ducking business of HC Beales and SB

Vincent for £3 million, bringing its total number of acquisitions this year to more than 40.

Mr Shaw's other "star buy" for next year is Freshbake Foods, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market. He predicts earnings growth well above the sector average for the next two to three years and says that the recent fall in the share price, brought about by its rights issue, gives a good buying opportunity.

Also rated as "buys" are Unigate, 1p better at 314p and United Biscuits, 1p down at 235p.

Avana and Northern Foods are tipped as longer-term "buys", but investors are advised to lighten their loads in AB Foods, Cadbury Schweppes and Dalgety.

Pilkington Brothers, the glass manufacturer, slipped back 2p to 638p, when the talked-of increase offer from BTR failed to materialize.

The offer is expected to be extended for a further two weeks and although it is possible that BTR may increase its offer today, it is thought more likely that it will wait until closer to its final deadline before launching what it hopes will be a "knock-out" offer.

Warburg Securities, which owns Rowe & Pitman, Pilkington's broker, revealed yesterday that it had picked up 2.75 million Pilkington shares in the market, paying between 630p and 635p a share.

Ward White, the other big predator of the moment, was back in the market yesterday trying to buy LCP shares. It managed to buy a few, but its advisers say its holding is still at about the 43 per cent level.

The bid, worth £175 million, with a 200p cash alternative, closes on December 27. LCP shares were unchanged at 197p, while Ward White lost 8p to 276p.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet The real message of the British Gas issue

The second phase in the life of British Gas shares is now underway, with the despatch on Monday of allotment letters to individuals.

privatization issues have two significant advantages: 1 They are first issues and for that reason they cut through the widespread public notion that City slickers are solely concerned to make a fast buck out of the ignorant and the innocent.

2 If they are properly constructed privatization issues offer the sort of good savings deal to first time buyers the public is looking for.

British Gas is undoubtedly a professional triumph for NM Rothschild, financial adviser to the Government on BG. After advising Hanson in its successful bid for Imperial Group and Woolworth in its successful defence against Dixons, NMR must be favourable for merchant bank of the year.

NMR, incidentally, denies that "it spoke to a single institution" with a view to pumping up applications for the shares, initially 1,615 million, earmarked for the general public.

Applications for less than 5,000 shares were enough to cover the offer to the general public twice and thus trigger the clawback of shares from the 1,615 million initially allotted to "certain institutional investors."

The new supporting factor in the equation is a rising oil price in which belief is growing. This will strengthen the arm of American and Japanese investment houses which bought substantial blocks in the belief that they could market the shares in one of the highest corporations in the world operating in energy, making considerable, and understated, profits and offering, certainly by Japanese standards, a generous return.

The British Gas flotation is a remarkable success, probably the best judged issue of its kind so far. Although the issue did not attract the staggering oversubscription the promoters were forecasting, the response has to be seen in the context of the size of the issue and the price. In the event, the pricing has proved expertly balanced - low enough to bring people in in sufficient numbers but not so low that the Government and its advisers can be accused of "giving away" the nation's assets for speculators' benefit and party political gain.

At a price of 130p, the Government would have been accused of buying votes; at 135p, it went for the money (£5.6 billion) - and still succeeded in persuading one in six households which have gas to have a share in British Gas. Even after the launching of British Telecom one would have staked his professional reputation, let alone his shirt, by predicting success on this scale.

This is true of Tory politicians and the City. Although both have paid lip service to privatization and wider shareholding, neither seriously believed that public attitudes and behaviour could be radically changed, certainly not as rapidly as they have been.

Capitalism in our time is one of Mrs Thatcher's greatest achievements; she would do well to bring it into much sharper focus. It may not be too late in this Parliament to have a minister for privatization, who not only believes totally in the cause of wider shareholding but understands that

the market, as opposed to the market-makers, is showing a tendency to respond only to the bad news. At a time when the balance of the evidence is moving to the view that the next move in interest rates will be downwards, that may be a mistake.

B&C facing revolt by shareholders

By Cliff Feltham

British and Commonwealth Shipping, the financial services and transport group run by Mr John Gunn, is facing a shareholder revolt in its £90 million takeover bid for Steel Brothers.

Tamween Holdings, a company with extensive Middle East interests which controls 25 per cent of Steel Brothers, says it does not intend to accept the offer.

B & C already owns 45 per cent of Steel Brothers - it has food and catering interests and a lime and aggregates quarrying business - and its terms, worth 630p a share in cash, have the backing of the independent directors.

But last night Mr Gilbert Gargour, whose family control Tamween, claimed the offer was too low. "We think that £7 a share is a much more realistic price and we fail to understand how the directors have come to recommend the present offer. A year ago we suggested we might be prepared to bid 650p a share and within the last month a UK public company said it was prepared to offer £7."

Mr Gargour said he planned to approach other shareholders, in particular the three institutions thought to speak for 10 per cent of the Steel Brothers equity, to urge them to reject the offer.

A spokesman for B and C said: "If Mr Gargour rejects the offer and stays in it will not make it easy to alleviate the severe tax problems facing Steel Brothers."

Reform urged for South Africa

By Teresa Poole

The Overseas Development Institute argues that to increase sanctions against South Africa would remind it that it has to negotiate political reform to attain high and sustainable economic growth.

Even without further sanctions, low international and domestic confidence are set to interact. This would reduce rates of economic growth and increase unemployment, the ODI, an independent research organization, says in a paper published today.

Effective sanctions would contribute to this process by increasing domestic costs, limiting access to foreign exchange, and deepening pessimism about the country's medium-term prospects.

South Africa is particularly vulnerable to two key types of sanction: restrictions on access to foreign finance, and actions aimed at initiating a substantial fall in the price of gold.

So far, action taken by foreign banks to prevent the country's access to foreign finance has had the most significant effect on the economy. In contrast, the effects of mostly voluntary bans on new investment are likely to be only minimal, the ODI says.

On unemployment, the ODI says the direct effect of sanctions on the poorest groups, overwhelmingly black, will be minimal because they are already unemployed or living outside the cash economy.

Australia rejects gold mine tax

By Richard Lander

After months of deliberation the Australian government has decided not to tax the country's gold mines, which have been exempt for more than 50 years.

The decision apparently overturns a recommendation of an unreleased independent report which the government has been studying since August.

Although it came as no surprise after a sustained lobbying campaign against the tax by the mining companies, trade unions and the government of Western Australia, which contains many of the country's mines, the decision lifted share prices. The Australian gold share index rose by 42.4 points to 1,661.8.

Another factor in the decision was probably the waning popularity of Mr Bob Hawke's Labour administration before the general election within the next 15 months.

"The government would have been committing political suicide had it introduced the tax," said one Australian mining analyst.

Australian gold output more than trebled between 1981 and 1985, and it is expected to almost double by 1988.

Hong Kong's big two avoid disclosing Sir Y-K's stake

By Stephen Leather

Two of Hong Kong's biggest companies produced record interim results yesterday, but managed to conceal the extent to which they are controlled by shipping magnate Sir Yue-Kong Pao.

Wharf (Holdings), the property, retailing, transport and hotel group, announced profits after tax up 31 per cent to HK\$396.2 million (£35 million) and an interim dividend up from 7.7 cents to 9 cents for the six months to September 30.

World International, which controls Wharf via a 40.1 per cent stake, produced half-time profits after tax up 29.9 per cent at HK\$137.6 million. An interim dividend, increased from 3 cents to 3.5 cents, was declared.

Sir Yue-Kong is known to have big stakes in both firms but he has avoided recent legislation requiring directors to disclose their holdings by giving up his seats on the boards.

And yesterday his son-in-law, Mr Peter Woo, who is chairman of both companies, was reluctant to reveal the size of Sir Y-K's holding. "You must ask him," said Mr Woo. "For me to comment would be unfair to him and myself. There are certain disclosure rules and these are being followed strictly."



Sir Yue-Kong Pao: corporate restructuring to reduce debt

Earlier this month Sir Y-K and his wife sold 100 million shares to World International, raising HK\$360 million and prompting speculation that he intended to use the cash to increase his stake in Standard Chartered Bank, where he is deputy chairman.

Wharf was in "a very strong financial position," Mr Woo said, with its property portfolio performing well.

The famous Star Ferry is struggling with competition from the cross-harbour tunnel and Wharf is increasing the fare by 10 cents to 80 cents (7p) for first class and 60 cents (5p) for second class.

Last time Wharf increased its ferry charges 20 years ago, a 5 cent rise sent a mob rampaging through Kowloon burning buses and ransacking buildings.

Yesterday the two companies also announced a corporate restructuring that will transfer Wharf's stores, trading and hotel management interests to Worldwide for at least HK\$450 million.

Mr Woo said the deal would mean a profit of HK\$100 million for Wharf and would release valuable board time.

The assets being sold formed part of the Wheelock Marden group which Sir Y-K bought from Allied Investors in May last year after a hard takeover battle with Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Malaysian financier.

Wharf kept the cash and property and tried to find a buyer for the Lane Crawford stores, trading companies and the Marco Polo hotel management firm.

"We tried to dispose of it piece by piece but it wasn't an easy transaction," said Mr Woo. "Too much board time was being spent on it. But the Worldwide will be able to use it as the basis for expansion."

The transfer will take effect on April 1 next year. "The cash proceeds will be used to reduce the liabilities on our books," said Mr Woo. Wharf's net debt stands at about HK\$1 billion, he said.

Lending nations beat aid target

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent

Tribute to the generosity of lending nations in beating the target for additional aid to developing countries through the International Development Association has been paid by Mr Moeen Qureshi, the World Bank's senior vice-president for finance.

The target was \$12 billion, and the sum raised through IDA - the World Bank's affiliate for concessional lending - in its Eighth Replenishment was \$12.4 billion. The last replenishment was \$9 billion.

Mr Qureshi said that the agreement was "a breakthrough for the poorest developing countries and is especially significant in the light of severe budget constraints of the industrial country donors and the economic difficulties faced by developing country donors."

Twelve countries - Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain and Sweden - increased their contribution to the basic IDA replenishment of \$11.5 billion.

In addition six countries, including Britain, made additional special contributions, while Switzerland, although not a member of IDA, contributed an untraded grant of \$165 million. This took the special contribution to \$897 million, and the total replenishment to \$12.4 billion.

The main issue which held up the agreement was the question of an increased shareholding in the World Bank for Japan - a condition of Japan's increased contribution.

The United States finally agreed to this increased shareholding. As a result Japan's contribution to the replenishment totalled \$2.6 billion, just behind the US contribution of \$2.875 billion.

Germany contributed \$1.372 billion, France \$839 million and Britain \$785 million.

Australian quote for mining group

Anglo American Corporation, the South African mining and industrial conglomerate, is to obtain a listing for its Australian interests through a reverse takeover of a local engineering and metals group, Boustead Promet Australia.

In a complex deal, Anglo American Australia (AAA) will inject assets worth more than Aus\$100 million (£46.2 million), mainly gold mining operations and a metal trading subsidiary, in return for a 49 per cent stake in Boustead which can be increased through a five-year option over further shares.

AAA's main gold operation is a 40 per cent stake in the Mount Morgan tailings operation in Queensland, operated jointly with the Peko-Wallend mining group.

COMPANY NEWS

● CAFFYNS: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim payment 3.2p (2.2p). Turnover £26.1 million (24.6 million). Pretax profit £741,000 (£255,000). Earnings per share 19.6p (4.9p).

● PHILIP HARRIS (HOLDINGS): Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 3.75p (same). Turnover £24.07 million (£16.84 million). Pretax profit £545,000 (£411,000). Earnings per share 11p (7.64p). Overall, the company continues to make healthy progress, while strengthening its trading position in all sectors, especially its home bases.

● WEIR GROUP: The group has agreed to sell its offshore, Weirnam, to La Societe Rochdale, Lancashire. The board looks forward to maintaining the current rate of progress.

● BSS GROUP: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim dividend raised to 3.2p (2.75p), payable on Jan. 22. Turnover £39.62 million (£37.9 million). Pretax profit £3 million (£2.55 million). Earnings per share 13p (10.4p). The board remains confident about the outcome of the year as a whole.

● RH MORLEY GROUP: Half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £2.26 million (£2.23 million). Pretax profit £100,291 (£80,172). Earnings per share 1.74p (1.39p). The current year has begun well and the introduction of new machinery has started to show a marked improvement in every sphere of operation. The board proposes to change the company's name to either British & Overseas Holdings or Wentworth International Group.

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Metal Box names managing director

Metal Box: Mr Murray Stuart is appointed group managing director. Mr Alex Watson has been made a director and becomes a member of the executive group.

Quadrax Securities: Mr J Michael Galbraith is to be director in charge of sales. In the sales and trading department, Mr Armando Lippello and Mr Clive Shackell are both to become assistant managers.

Capitol Industries-EMI: Mr Joe Smith becomes vice-chairman and chief executive and Mr David Barman becomes president from February 1.

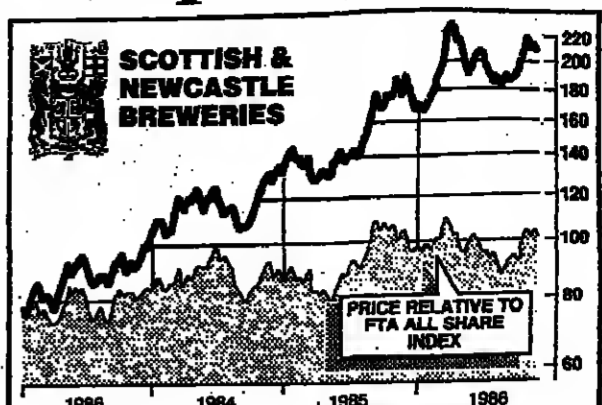
Drummond Group: Mr Anthony Vice has been appointed a non-executive director. London Association for the Blind: Mr Peter Holland becomes director on January 1.

The Really Useful Group: Mr Keith Turner and Mr Michael Sydney-Smith are to be main-board executive directors. Mr Turner takes up his post on February 1.

Sirius Insurance Company (UK): Mr L Westall has become a director and will be chairman from January 1. Mr LH Thumell and Mr AJ Webber are oow directors.

S&N disappoints after tourist slump takes toll

The full extent of the problems besetting Scottish & Newcastle Breweries' hotels because of the dearth of American tourists in Britain in the summer was brought home to the market yesterday.



However, they were disappointed. The hotels' operating profits were £3 million below last year's first half rather than £2 million higher as had been originally budgeted.

A breakdown of the business is not given at the interim stage, but drought beer sales were down along with the rest of the industry.

The newly-acquired Home Brewery brings with it about 450 public houses and a strong regional position in Nottinghamshire.

For the whole of last year, Triplex made £1.2 million and most of its growing band of followers in the City expect that figure to be almost doubled this time.

As one might imagine, S&N is coy about discussing the future of its 29.9 per cent stake in Matthew Brown.

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For this year S&N ought to make £85 million - and the £100 million barrier is there to be broken next year.

Barring takeover speculation, the shares remain expensive compared to the other majors in the sector.

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Without such a deal, profits at Enterprise would have been of the order of £18-£20 million in 1987, according to Paul Gregory, oil analyst at Wood Mackenzie.

The injection of £25 million working capital means that the combined entity will have no net debt and if it makes no more acquisitions, it should not need to borrow until the end of 1988.

Indeed, Enterprise might feel tempted to make a few disposals of its own. Ninian, one of the earliest fields to be developed in the North Sea, is very low cost, and therefore a high tax paying field.

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Statement of results for the half year ended 30th September 1986 (unaudited)

Table of financial results for BAA plc, showing Revenue, Operating Costs, Profit before Taxation, and Taxation for various periods.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT In the Annual Report for 1985/6, I indicated that BAA was experiencing a marked decline in the growth of traffic following increased terrorist activity and the incidents in Libya and Chernobyl.

The results of these contrasting markets explain why Gatwick and Glasgow with their higher proportion of leisure traffic grew by 8% and 19% respectively while Heathrow saw a drop of 3%.

Revenue for the half year increased to £262m against £239m for the same period last year. This was mainly due to continued growth in commercial income, particularly from tax free sales.

CCA operating profit at £93.6m was only slightly lower than for the corresponding period for last year and with interest charges, the profit before tax at £88.6m was down by £0.8m.

Provided the recent traffic recovery is sustained, the profit for the year should be broadly comparable with last year.

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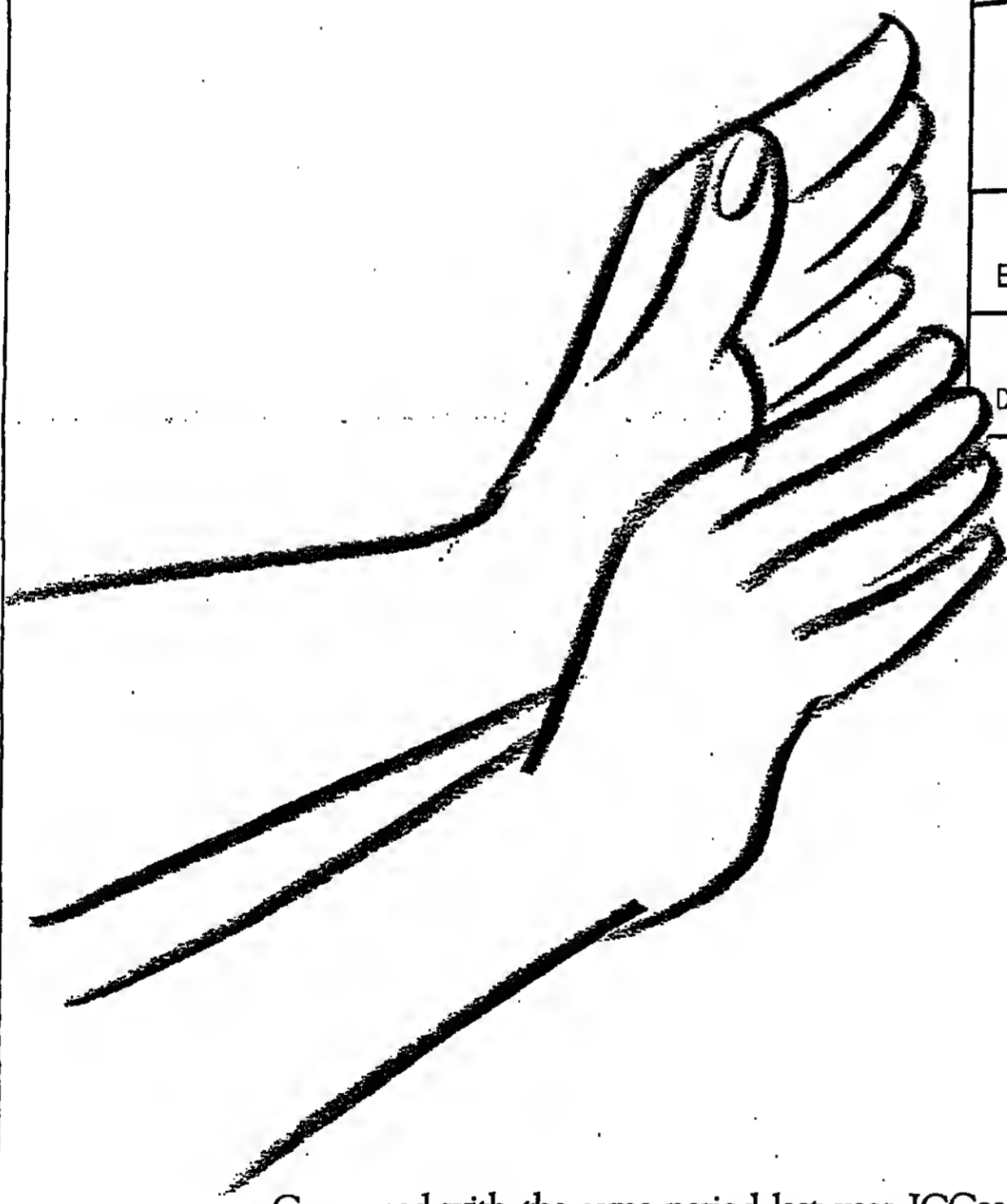
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# CALOR GAS BRINGS A WARM GLOW TO ICGAS SHAREHOLDERS

## INTERIM RESULTS

For the six months to 30 September.

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<b>ICGas</b> Group earnings	£6.7m	<b>£14.7m</b>
<b>ICGas</b> Earnings per stock unit	5.05p	<b>11.03p</b>
<b>ICGas</b> Dividend per stock unit	6.25p	<b>8.00p</b>
<b>Calor</b> Pre-tax profits	£0.8m	<b>£16.2m</b>



Compared with the same period last year, ICGas Group earnings have more than doubled: our interim results show an increase from £6.7 million to £14.7 million.

Earnings per stock unit have more than doubled, from 5.05p to 11.03p and the interim dividend is up from 6.25p to 8.00p per stock unit.

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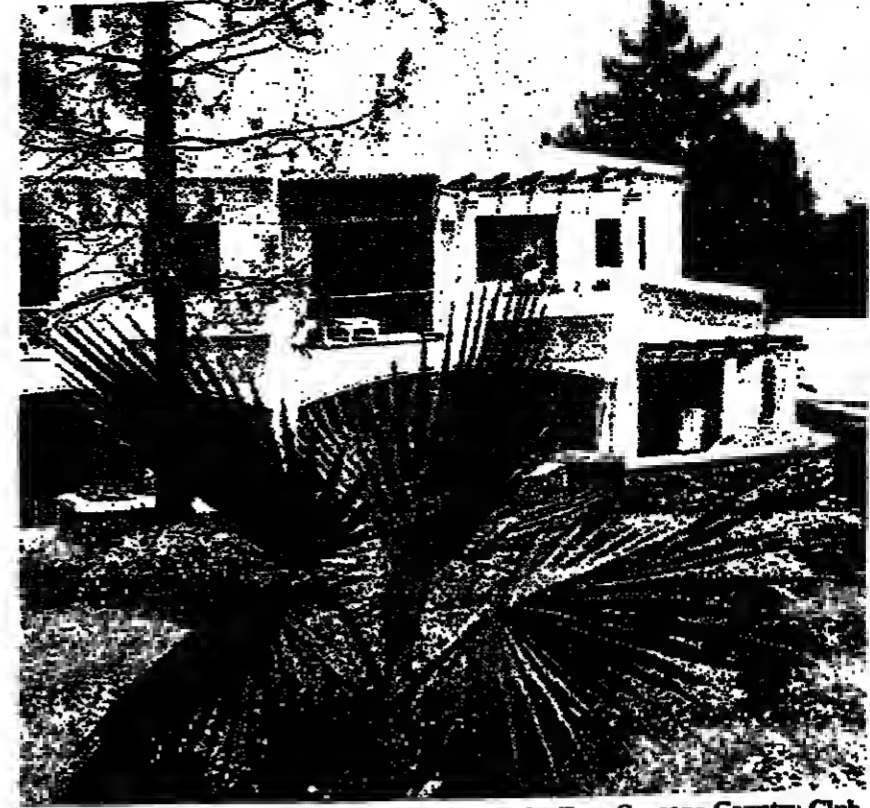
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OVERSEAS PROPERTY

Timeshare companies shine up the image

By Diana Wildman



Timesharing on the Algarve: garden villas at the Four Seasons Country Club

Timeshare must now be considered an established form of leisure investment as the concept has already attracted about 80,000 British purchasers into developments both in the UK and abroad. However, like so many commercial enterprises, there are numbers of less than ethical operators keen to snatch a share of the profits. To this end, the reputable companies, which are in the majority, have formed various self-regulatory bodies. But until these small groups can link up to form a sizeable organization, their overall impact on the industry must surely be small.

The three main organizations are the British Property Timeshare Association, the European Holiday Timeshare Association and the latest, Timeshare Developers Group. This last group consists of just six developers. They are Barratt, European Ferries, Keating Atlantic, Langdale, McInerney and Wimpey. In addition, there are two world-wide exchange groups, Interval International and Resort Condominiums International, are members.

Algarve in Portugal. It has as its focal point a magnificent clubhouse with both an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, a squash court, children's play areas, a snooker room and a restaurant. So far 37 of an eventual 96 timeshare villas are complete. The majority are due for occupation by the end of 1987. These air-conditioned fully equipped terraced villas are built in local traditional style, complete with red roofs and white-washed walls, and are set well back from the clubhouse.

Owners are guaranteed a 40 per cent discount on green fees at the famous Quinta do Lago 27-hole golf course, scene of the Portuguese Open for the past three years. Barclaytrust, in the Isle of Man, holds shares in trust on behalf of all Four Seasons members and every share is owned in perpetuity. Prices for one week cost from £3,900 to £6,200 for a one-bedroom villa, and from £4,300 to £8,600 for a two-bedroom or three-bedroom villa. Service charges are £140 and £150 per week owned, with increases linked to the Portuguese cost of living. As with Barratt's schemes, owners at Four Seasons are entitled to use the clubhouse facilities all year round. Details are obtainable from Four Seasons Country Club, 140 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4SD (01-251 1046).

The Manga, the 1,100-acre Spanish leisure estate near Murcia, 60 miles south of Alicante, now has its own version of timeshare. This scheme, set within La Manga is called La Quinta Club, and at the moment consists of 30 stylish two-bedroom and three-bedroom villas of an eventual 76. It has its own swimming pool and health club. The Quinta is selling weekly periods in one of four seasonal bands. Purchasers are entitled to take their holiday at any

time within that span in periods of either three and four nights, or the standard week, thus allowing great flexibility over conventional timeshare.

Facilities at La Manga include two 18-hole golf courses, a rackets centre, horse riding and a hotel. Prices range from £2,800 for a week in the low season band in two-bedrooms to £7,750 for a three-bedroom villa in high season. Details are available from La Manga Club Ltd, 62 Brompton Road, London SW3 1BW (01-225 0411).

The Old Course Golf and Country Club at St Andrews in Scotland was bought by European Ferries, the owners of La Manga, in 1982. It is now a smart, 147-bedroom hotel, complete with every facility, including a pro shop, a golf school and a health centre and a club steward who, provided with eight weeks' notice, can reserve starting times on the four adjacent golf courses, including the world famous Old Course.

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# When winning is a family affair

**David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, writes of Steffi Graf, the teenage wonder girl, and the men behind her ambition to be the best tennis player in the world**

She has been called, in recent months of universal acclaim, *the Woman Borg*. The girl who will topple Martina Navratilova. In her first tournament, for under-18s in Munich, an umpire called a point in favour of her opponent on a shot that was blatantly out. She cried in disbelief, and the tournament organizer told her father she would never be a player.

That was the last time Steffi Graf cried on court, though she has shed tears a few times after a match. "Crying is normal and spontaneous, it is her nature," Peter Graf, her father, says. He is also her coach. It is a parent-child relationship in competitive sport as unique, and at the present stage successful, as has been the father-son Coe partnership.

As with the Coes, the parent has been criticized for driving the child too severely, yet Steffi, like Sebastian, is emphatic that the intensity of the partnership is at her behest, under her direction and control. "I need him, he's most important to me, but he wouldn't be so close if I didn't want it," she says.

When she lost the Virginia Slims final to Navratilova recently, her eye tended to seek him out in the crowd, where he tries to sit any-



Wonder woman: Steffi Graf, West Germany's teenage phenomenon, has set her sights on topping Martina Navratilova

in the German Open and lost a thrilling semi-final in the US Open after having three match points, she lost the Slims final in three straight sets.

Peter, an outstanding former club player, had intended to retreat but Steffi will not let him go. The day I called on her at Brühl, outside Heidelberg, she was serving, again and again, from a bucket of 30 balls at Stozil, and from mid-court volleys to his return to the baseline corners. Formidable stuff. Yet she is, allegedly, a difficult person to train.

I have to coach the coach," Peter says with a smile. "Pavel is still learning that Steffi is reluctant to talk during practice, that she just wants to concentrate and slam away the winners as she does in a match. He has to discover how to handle her."

There is, indeed, a remarkable difference in her manner on and off court. Her focus, when playing, is absolute. I had arrived at Brühl early and when she came off court she said, almost abruptly, "Yes, we are meeting. At five." An hour later, showered and relaxed, she was a slightly coy, smiling, relaxed schoolgirl, not the phenomenon who is the fourth prize money winner of the year (45,000) third in the rankings and second in the Slims points table. Her ambition this year had been to win one tournament. She won eight.

When she was 10, she told the chief national coach, who had said she was too unemotional: "Either I play or I laugh." It is the self-generating discipline of child champions are made. "I cannot smile when I play," she says. "The fun for me is in ending the point." When she wants a laugh, she practices left-handed.

Her wish is not to be rich (which she relatively already is), or famous, but to master the game, to play it beautifully. Perfectly. "I want to be a baseliner who can come to the net when it's necessary. To be able to do what I want on the court, what I feel like."

Her personality is expressed through her racket, though she is not the impersonal, in scrutable machine that Borg was. She knows she has not a waiting mentality, that the match has to be played her way. That is why the silent winter weeks will be spent volleying against Stozil.

"I have to work at serve-and-volley. I don't really know as yet where to go. Against other volleyers, in the past, they have known I won't come in. If I did, I put more pressure on myself." Now, she is strengthening the serve: slower swing, more snap. Taking risks. Navratilova does not hit passing shots that well, she knows.

Will she, like Borg, Austin Jaeger, become prematurely burned out? No, her father says emphatically, because she wants to win points in six or seven strokes, not 30 or 40. And she does not have the spinal strain of a two-handed backhand. The intention is to keep the quality high and the tournaments low.

So far as it is possible to be normal in contemporary professional sport, Steffi seems pretty normal. Her parents, her younger brother Michael's humour, her two dogs: such conventional family surroundings should help.

Tomorrow, Boris Becker, the boy who launched a nation into tennis.

## YACHTING World 12-metre title takes on a Formula 1 look

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda have announced the preliminary arrangements for the World 12-metre championship, to be held in Sardinia next June and July. It is an ambitious and expensive programme designed to retain the impetus that this America's Cup has given to sailing, most glamorous and costly sector.

The Italian club will charter a freighter to ship the top six challengers and two top defenders from Fremantle to Porto Cervo, the regatta headquarters, free of charge. Pens and lifting facilities will also be cost-free for these eight teams.

Other countries not currently represented in the Cup, notably Sweden, Japan and Spain, are likely in charter boats to take part. The fleet could well exceed 20 yachts. Unlike the world titles held off Fremantle last February the format will be a mixture of fleet races and match racing. From June 25 to June 30 there will be six fleet races. The top eight boats then go into match racing semi-finals, in two divisions, culminating in a best-of-three final from July 8.

Gianfranco Alberini, commander of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, explained that the club was torn between the spectacle of fleet racing, which proved highly popular in Australia - and the needs of a primarily match racing class.

"What YCCS was in no doubt about was the market for the event and the publicity it would bring as part of the process of getting 12 metres on a sound footing as the sailing equivalent of formula one motor racing."

"We may be able to completely relax Rule 26 and have boats named after companies and have sponsors on the spinnakers," Alberini said. "The whole intention is to make more opportunities for sponsors in the whole 12-metre class."

In pursuit of this goal YCCS have brought in the London firm of West Nally as sponsorship and marketing consultants. A new logo has been produced and registered. "We feel that 12 metres are at a small beginning leading to the stage of tennis, soccer and equestrianism," said Mr Pat Nally, who flew here from London for the presentation. "The needs of sponsors and the competitors can be met and reconciled if the event is handled in a co-ordinated way."

West Nally have a long track record in sports marketing and advised FIFA on several world cups. Syndicates or 12-metre teams without sponsorship backing for the event in Sardinia have been invited to liaise with the company who may be able to attract companies wishing to participate with yachmen wishing to compete.

RIE, the Italian national television network, have accepted an invitation to be host broadcaster. Their coverage, both packaged and as a raw television feed, will be available on a free-access basis in world media organisations.

This is in sharp contrast to the America's Cup where the International Management Group, representing Royal Perth Yacht Club, have asked considerable sums for access in pool television footage. IMG have no involvement with next year's regatta.

"We want the maximum number of people around the world to be able to see what 12-metre racing is like," Alberini said. "It is very exciting, it can be seen on television. The ultra chic yacht club created by the Aga Khan at his Porto Cervo resort, hosted the first world 12-metre regatta in 1984."

Interestingly there was a ruling by the International 12-metre Association that no shrouds or pens could be used and all keels and hulls were to be white.

"That could happen again," Alberini said. "It is for ITMA to decide but it would be fascinating to see what some of these boats were like." It is virtually certain that no new 12 metres will be built between now and the world championship. That process will begin around 18 months before the next cup.

Alberini stressed that without the Deed of Gift restrictions on crew and designer nationalities, or ties on where a boat was built, the event had minimal secrecy and aided the dissemination of the whole 12-metre class.

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## AMERICAN FOOTBALL Running play pays as the Bears bounce back

By Robert Kirley

The Chicago Bears scrapped an ineffective passing attack in the final period and relied on their running to score 13 points and gain a 16-13 win against the Detroit Lions in the National Football League on Monday.

Doug Flutie, the quarterback, took credit for a severe leg bruise during Chicago's first series. Tomczak is expected to be fit to play in the Bears' regular-season finale at Dallas on Sunday. Flutie completed 13 of 24 passes for 130 yards and one interception, but he committed three of the Bears' five fumbles. Chuck Long, the first-year Detroit quarterback who was making his debut as a starter, was 12 of 24 for 167 yards, one interception and a four-yard touchdown pass to Leonard Thompson. Eddie Murray kicked field goals of 52 and 41 yards in the first half.

Kevin Butler's second field goal of the fourth quarter and third of the game provided the margin of victory from 22 yards as time expired. Butler had kicked field goals of 41 and 32 yards. Matt Suhey scored on a four-yard run to level the score at 13-13 nine minutes from time.

The Bears' quarterback, Jim McMahon, who was injured several weeks ago, was expected to be released from hospital in California, where he underwent shoulder surgery on Friday. His surgeon said that it would take three months for McMahon to regain the full range of motion in the arm he uses to throw.

Officials from the City of Cardiff have presented a claim to the NFL to host the American Bowl at the Arms Park next summer. Wembley officials, who staged the inaugural match between the Bears and the Dallas Cowboys last summer, are also negotiating with the NFL. An NFL spokesman said a decision of where - and even if - the game will be played would be taken next month.

## SNOOKER Hendry out to turn the tables

Stephen Hendry, the Scottish teenager being tipped as a future world champion, has an early chance for revenge when he faces Steve Davis in a six-game challenge series worth £24,000 next month.

Hendry, aged 17, from Edinburgh, was beaten 12-3 by Davis in the final of the Hounslow World Doubles at Northampton on Sunday but the youngster is determined to take his revenge.

He said: "This will be my greatest test. Steve has set all the high standards in snooker and they are the sort of standards that I want to achieve."

Davis, who has won £108,000 in just six weeks, is top of the current prize money list with £143,000 and he has not been beaten north of the border for more than five years. He admitted: "I want that record to stay intact. Stephen is still learning the game but everyone knows that he's a tremendous prospect."

## BOXING Spa stopover on way to throne

From Bryan Stiles, Acqui Terme, Italy

The fact that as champion he has had to go to a far distant village has not bothered McKenzie. He is used to traveling thousands of miles to further his ambition and display his boxing skills, though mainly at the flashier fight venues in the United States. The purse offered by Remo Spagnoli secured the boat and he opted to stage it in this delightful town of thermal springs and charming vistas for purely commercial reasons. The big city venues in Italy pruned themselves out of the running and Acqui Terme was willing to pay for the privilege of putting itself on the tourist map.

McKenzie, aged 25, stands high as a flyweight at 5ft 7in and has a regal way of boxing, upright and elegant. He comes from a family of boxers, with three brothers who have distinguished themselves in a profession where one slip can spell disaster.

Also on the bill tonight are Stuart Lithgo, of Hartlepool who held the Commonwealth cruiserweight title for seven months in 1984, and Rocky Feliciello, light middleweight from Rhyll, born in Wales but whose parents came from Italy.

## Court of Appeal

### Fire starter liable for fireman's burn

**Ogwo v Taylor**  
Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Neill  
[Judgment December 16]

A person who negligently started a fire was liable in damages to a fireman who was injured in fighting the fire even though it was an ordinary fire with no unusual features or special hazards.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff fireman, Mr Michael Chiagoro Ogwo, from a decision of Mr Justice Nolan on November 25, 1985 after the trial of an action brought against the defendant, Mr R. A. Taylor.

Mr R. A. Hytner, QC and Mr John Leighton Williams, QC, for the plaintiff, Mr William Crowther, QC and Mr Robert Moxon Browne for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the defendant was burning off the paint on the fascia board under the guttering of his roof with a blowlamp when the roof timbers caught fire.

The fire brigade was summoned and among the team was burning off the paint on the fascia board under the guttering of his roof with a blowlamp when the roof timbers caught fire.

He was wearing normal fireman's gear and breathing apparatus, with a mask over his face. He took the hose and went to play water on the fire, and the impact of the water on the fire necessarily caused steam.

When the fire was put out the plaintiff found that he had suffered serious burns under his fireman's tunic. Those would have been caused by steam rather than by direct flames.

The plaintiff's injuries were severe and very painful, the figure for damages had been established, at £12,900, including interest. The issue was liability. There was no suggestion that the contents of the roof space were unusually combustible or that there was any special danger from some hidden cause. It was an ordinary fire, in a confined space, with nothing unusual about it.

## Law Report December 17 1986

### Judicial discretion on jury protection moves

**Regina v Ling, Regina v Jacobs, Regina v Thompson**

On an application for a jury to receive protection the trial judge had a discretion as to whether the prosecution should be required to call evidence in support of the application.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Causfield and Mr Justice Schiemann) so held on December 9 when dismissing the appeals of Anthony John Ling, John Jacobs and Frank James Thompson from their convictions on February 10, 1986 at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Rant, QC and a jury) of theft.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that from time to time a court was asked to authorize jury protection (see *R v Dodd* (1981) 74 Cr App R 50). Plainly that was a matter for the judge's discretion.

On the question whether the defence were entitled to require the prosecution to establish

## Court of Appeal

### Removal of kiln not a 'process'

**Regina v A. L. Industrial Products plc**  
Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Ognall  
[Judgment December 16]

The word "process" as used in the Factories Act 1961 connoted some continuous activity regularly carried on within a factory as a normal part of the operation of the factory, and did not include a single operation such as the demolition and removal of a disused kiln.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment giving the reasons for its decision in *Regina v A. L. Industrial Products plc* against its conviction on April 29, 1986 in Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court (Mr Recorder Stuart Shute, QC) following a change of plea, and a ruling on points of law, to guilty of contravening regulations 5(1) and 8(1) of the Asbestos Regulations (SI 1969

## Australia IV close gap

A successful plea to the Australia IV has closed the gap with Kookaburra III in the battle for the America's Cup final in Fremantle next month.

Kookaburra III now leads the defender's table by six points over the Alan Bond's 12-metre - the only successful protest of five lodged in the last two days. It was the last day of the third elimination series.

Kookaburra III lost three points and is now 13 points behind Australia IV in third place. The Bond syndicate's points boost takes Australia IV to within one point of Kookaburra III because the semi-finals, starting on December 27, are worth six points for a win. A proposal to introduce a knockout system in place of points scoring to decide the semi-finals was rejected yesterday.

**DEFENDER STANDINGS**

Yacht	Won	Lost	Points
Kookaburra III	3	0	18
Australia IV	2	1	12
Stokeon-Trent	1	2	6
Alan Bond's 12-metre	0	3	0

Michael Fay, syndicate head of New Zealand, the leading challenger, has decided the 35,000 man in the America's Cup on Sunday will be invested on the New Zealand stock market and go to the crew's "pot."

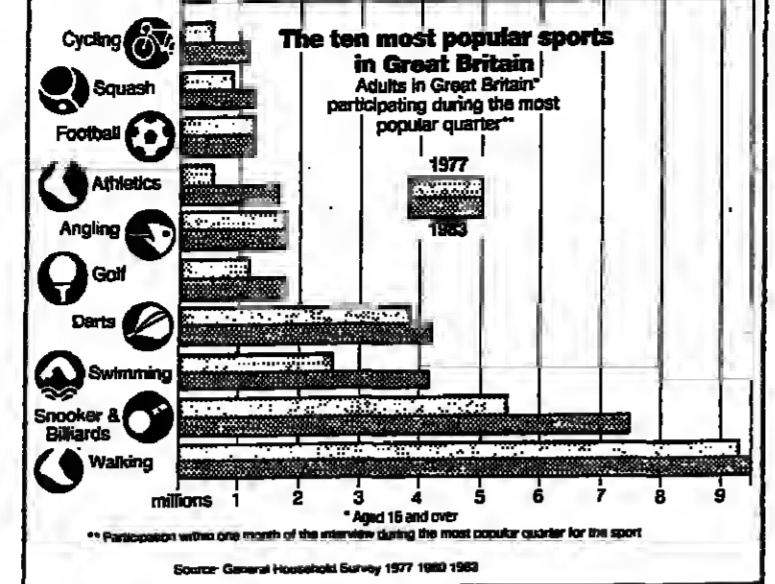




Boom in do-it-yourself recreation and leisure activities but membership of clubs declines

Sport gets deeper into our lives

By John Goodbody Here is the good news for British sport. More people, more often, are being active than ever before...



when there are over 20 million people taking part in sport but only an estimated 6.5 million in clubs... Several of the statistics are no more up to date than the 1983 general household survey...

optimistic of the future of spectatorism, despite the 1.7 per cent rise in the Football League attendances so far this season.

"Many small sports are getting more spectators but really this area is dominated by football, which seems never to have come to terms with the changing nature of the weekend as the amateur games have done by switching a majority of matches to Sunday."

England selectors face their No. 1 problem at No. 5

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Were the England selectors forced to name a team this week, they might well pause for thought over the wear of No. 5 jersey. From a position of apparent wealth, their choice has been battered because of Steve Bainbridge's injury...

SHOW JUMPING

Pyrah leads way as British trio finish on high note

By Jenny MacArthur

With British riders led by Malcolm Pyrah on Towerlands Anglezarka, filling the top three places in Monday's night's Crosses and Blackwell grand prix at Olympia...

FOOTBALL

Wilson in line for Irish cap

Ipswich Town's leading goalscorer Kevin Wilson could soon be eligible for a Northern Ireland international cap...

GOLF

Ballesteros honoured



From tee to tree: European golfers gather for the Christmas awards ceremony at the Ritz where José-Maria Olazabal (centre, front) was voted runner-up...

Exemplary exemption

Great Britain and Europe's winning Ryder Cup squad have been given a second successive exemption for the Open Championship at Muirfield next July...

Masters will be televised

By David Hands

HITV Wales, encouraged by the reaction to their five transmissions last month of the international matches between France and New Zealand...

Selectors pick the weak link

By Ian McLachlan

Following their narrow win over the North and Midlands last Saturday in the McEwan's Inter-District Championship...

RACKETS

Lowry outstanding

By William Stephens

Mark Lowry, of Radley, won the Jim Dear Cup in the under-15 section of the public schools tables championship at Queen's Club, west London...

FA Youth Cup

THIRD-ROUND DRAW (Matches to be played on or before January 17): Nottingham Forest v Hull City...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Honourable way out for Wigan

By Keith Macklin

Wigan have taken the honourable and sensible course of postponing their championship game with Featherston...

CLUBS BANNED

Clubs and players have each been banned for the season's Welsh Brewers' Cup competition...

TENNIS

Points may be the decider

The slide rules will come out if London and the South emerge victorious from the final round of the Thru-EMI divisional championship...

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing various sports fixtures including football, rugby union, rugby league, tennis, and rackets.

FOR THE RECORD

Table listing results and records from various sports including football, basketball, table tennis, and rackets.

CRICKET

Table listing cricket fixtures and results.

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